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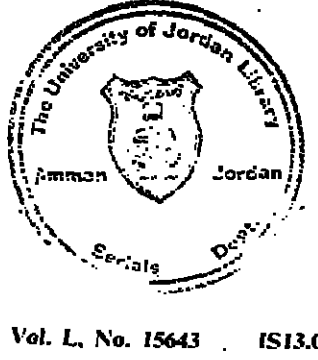
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IDF agrees to vacate Beirut Airport

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter
and agencies

Political sources in Jerusalem confirmed last night that an agreement had been reached for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Beirut Airport, clearing the way for the debarkation of U.S. Marines waiting in ships off the Lebanese coast.

In an abrupt reversal from statements only two hours earlier, the U.S. Embassy in Beirut said reports that the marines would be unable to land today were incorrect.

U.S. mediating envoy Morris Draper had met Aluf Amir Dori, OC Northern Command and overall commander of all Israeli forces in Lebanon, at a midday meeting to thrash out an agreement. The talks at Beirut Airport reportedly broke down on Israel's insistence to keep troops there, diplomats said at the time.

The airport is to be the American base for the marines, who will join the 1,162 Italians and 1,080 French troops already ashore in the Multinational Peace-keeping Force.

Israel had kept a small detachment of soldiers at the airport, backed by armoured personnel carriers, despite repeated requests to leave.

Saidedim Hour, political adviser to Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, said last night, "The Israelis will not be able to use the airport for any military or civilian purposes." He said, "No Israeli will remain at the airport."

Yesterday at noon some 100 Israel Defence Forces soldiers on four armoured personnel carriers, several jeeps and trucks left a one-storey yellow building in the port, which had served as a first-aid sta-

tion. This was the last known IDF position inside the city itself.

With the evacuation of the port, Israel is said to have removed all its stationary troops in Beirut to the area south of the road linking Galerie Semaan and the sea. The new line is south of the Corniche Mazraa Boulevard, which it had held the day before. Israel yesterday still had a roadblock at Galerie Semaan, but was expected to withdraw it today.

Its evacuation facilitated the deployment of the French and Italian troops in West Beirut. The Italian soldiers took positions in the port, at Shatilla and near the Kuwait Embassy.

The red-bellied French soldiers are deployed at the Sabra refugee camp, the stadium and the Makassed Hospital. They are to be augmented today by 482 French soldiers transferred from UNFIL.

The original plan was to delay this multinational forces' deployment until the IDF completed its withdrawal, but President Amin Jemayel asked that they move in immediately to help his army maintain order. The French and Italians obliged, but some 800 U.S. Marines were still on board five ships waiting for Israel to evacuate Lebanon's international airport.

The U.S. plan is to land some marines at the port, some on shore near the airport and the rest from helicopters at the airport itself.

Meanwhile, Lebanese airport workers were painting and repairing the terminal for its eventual reopening.

By last night only a few Israeli cars were seen in East Beirut. One indication Israeli authorities felt the area was less safe now was that drivers were ordered to travel there in groups of at least two.



Esther Gabai, mother of a fallen soldier, kindles the eternal light at yesterday's ceremony at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl military cemetery marking the ninth anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who spoke, is at the left. (Zoom 77)

Mixed reception for Sharon during memorial to war dead

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

KIRYAT SHAUL. — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon got a mixed reception here yesterday when he addressed bereaved relatives of soldiers who fell in the Yom Kippur War.

Several people criticized the minister and at least one called him a murderer as he passed among the graves. In one incident, as Sharon read his speech guarded by several plain clothesmen, a young woman went up to his wife Lily and said the minister was a murderer.

But others congratulated Sharon, shaking his hand and pressing his arm. "Don't listen to what they say," advised Rivka Pe'er whose son, Ze'ev, is still missing in Egypt. She said that when she had learned how difficult the IDF's position was in the beginning of the 1973 war, "we only asked: 'Where is Ariel' (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Begin, Sharon prepared to face state inquiry

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The cabinet yesterday decided to establish a judicial commission of inquiry under the 1968 Commissions of Inquiry Law, to look into the Beirut massacre.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin is to inform the president of the Supreme Court of the decision today, and its president, Justice Yitzhak Kahan, will then set about appointing the three members of the commission.

Under the law, the commission chairman must be a Supreme Court justice. It is widely expected that the president will undertake the task himself.

The cabinet's decision came after ten days of what was seen at home and abroad as an effort led by Begin to avoid creating a judicial commission of inquiry.

In its communique yesterday, however, the cabinet flatly denied this as "baseless libels alleging that the government of Israel has anything to hide or that it seeks to evade a full investigation."

The communique referred to yesterday's decision as a "revision" of an earlier decision which had attempted to set up a non-judicial commission under the chairmanship of Kahan. In the event, Kahan refused to consider that cabinet proposal. He explained that since two petitions were pending before the High Court of Justice requiring the government to appoint a full-scale judicial commission, the whole issue was *quasi sub judice*.

The communique yesterday said the High Court proceedings would have taken "several weeks at least," and therefore the cabinet had decided to set up a full-scale judicial commission after all.

The commission's terms of reference, which by law are set out by the cabinet, are couched in deliberately wide language. The "subject of the inquiry" is defined as: "All the facts and factors (the Hebrew word *gammim* would be better translated as 'persons and institutions') connected to the atrocity perpetrated by a unit of the 'Lebanese forces' against the civilian population in the Sabra and Shatilla camps."

Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor stressed that this phrasing was specifically intended to include the "political echelons" — i.e. the cabinet. Ministers, including the prime minister, would be subject to examination by the commission if the commission so decided.

Meridor acknowledged, though, that the question of interpreting the terms of reference would ultimately be for the commission itself to answer, and if the commission felt the entry decision was a "fact connected with the atrocity," it would be within its powers to examine that decision.

The cabinet made no formal request to the commission to complete its task within a specified time. But Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said later he was sure that the commission members, whoever they would be, would recognize the urgency of their task and seek to work expeditiously. Observers in Jerusalem presume the commission's job can be measured in weeks rather than months.

The cabinet left it to the commission itself to decide on the secrecy or openness of its sessions and its (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Top PLO strategist shot dead in Lebanon

DAMASCUS. — PLO chief Yasser Arafat arrived in Syria yesterday to lead the mourning for Saad Sayel (Abu al-Walid), one of his most loyal aides, and the organization's top military strategist, who was slain by unknown gunmen in an ambush in east Lebanon on Monday.

Arafat, accompanied by four senior PLO officials, went directly to PLO headquarters on his arrival in Damascus without making any comment on Sayel's death.

A statement by Fatah, the largest terrorist group in the PLO, said Sayel, 55, was ambushed Monday night near Baalbek in the Bekaa Valley after inspecting Palestinian and Lebanese leftist positions in the area.

The Fatah statement did not say who it thought had nipped the ambush, but simply blamed "Zionists and their criminal agents" for Sayel's death, and swore vengeance.

Palestinian sources said eight terrorists travelling with Sayel were injured in the attack, which took place on the road between Talia and Rayak south of Baalbek.

The sources said Sayel was rushed to hospital in Damascus but died soon after arrival because of bleeding from a wound in the stomach.

Sayel was one of the last Palestinian terrorists to have been expelled from Beirut, sailing with a final batch of 700 from Beirut port to Tartus in Syria on September 1.

Within days, he and several other PLO leaders who obtained asylum in Syria reappeared in north and east Lebanon, urging their men to continue the fight against the Israelis.

Born near Nabulus in 1934, Sayel joined the Jordanian army in 1951. In a career spanning 19 years he became head of the army engineering college and attended several training courses in the U.S. and Britain.

Before he threw in his lot with the PLO in 1970, he was arrested twice, in 1958 and 1962. The charges against him were never revealed but he was believed to be a supporter of the late Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser, then the focus of leftist and Arab nationalist sentiment throughout the Arab world.

Two years ago, Sayel was appointed head of the PLO's operations room, effectively chief of staff of the PLO armed forces, and was credited with the planning that turned them into a semi-regular army in South Lebanon. He was also a member of the ruling central council of Fatah.

He was married with nine children.

Palestinian sources here expected Sayel to be buried in Damascus.

IDF officers said worried inquiry will blame army

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Official military spokesmen refused to comment on the government's decision yesterday to launch a full investigation into the Beirut massacres. Eitan, whose personal position in the affair has been compromised by his incorrect statements to the public on television after the massacres became known, said in Beirut yesterday that he would support any full investigation.

But other officers privately expressed the concern that this commission of inquiry could be a repeat of the Agranat Commission which charged only the IDF with the shortcomings during the Yom Kippur War, and did not deal with possible cabinet shortcomings.

The decision to allow a full investigation has not totally defused the tension between the IDF and Sharon, many officers being outraged by the minister's claims on Tel az-Za'atar, and that a brigade of front-line troops were not called up to serve in the war for ideological reasons.

They are also unhappy that for four days after the Beirut massacres became public Sharon did not appear in public or before the Foreign (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

U.S. mum on Israel cabinet decision

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday took a low profile in reacting to the Israeli cabinet's decision to authorize a full-scale judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacres.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg declined to comment on the decision during the daily news briefing.

Other U.S. officials similarly declined to discuss what they said was an internal Israeli matter. They clearly did not want to be seen as interfering in domestic Israeli politics.

Romberg foreshadowed an expected overnight announcement by President Ronald Reagan when he said that the Israeli withdrawal from both East and West Beirut was moving ahead. The transfer of key positions to the U.S. Marines seems "to be on the way to a satisfactory conclusion," Romberg said.

He referred to Israeli statements that Israel would soon evacuate its troops from the entire city. "That's our understanding of what they are doing," he said.

On Capitol Hill and in the American Jewish community, news that Israel was moving ahead with the committee of inquiry was greeted with a collective sigh of relief.

Israel's supporters in the U.S. are using the cabinet's reversal to underline what has become for them a major public relations theme: spilling over from the Beirut massacres — namely, that Israel remains a thriving democracy.

The Israeli embassy here confirmed yesterday that its number two man, Binyamin Netanyahu, flew secretly to Israel last week to brief key cabinet ministers on the extremely critical mood in Washington.

Lebanese inquiry into massacres to begin today

BEIRUT (AP). — Military Prosecutor-General Assad Jermamos met yesterday with the judges and army officers who will serve on the government committee investigating the massacre in the Palestinian refugee camps. The commission was formed on orders of President Amin Jemayel.

Jermamos said the committee would visit the Shatilla and Sabra camps today and hear testimony from 18 survivors. The International Red Cross has recovered 320 bodies from the two camps.

State Prosecutor Camille Geagea has said 597 persons were killed in the camps and more than 2,000 are missing. Jermamos said part of the committee's mission was to resolve conflicting casualty reports.

Shamir, off to UN, calls for mobilization against 'libel'

NEW YORK. — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was due to arrive here last night for a ten-day visit to the U.S. He will address the UN General Assembly tomorrow and is expected to meet with several foreign ministers including some from African and Communist bloc countries with which Israel does not have diplomatic relations.

Speaking at Ben-Gurion Airport before his departure, and referring to the aftermath of the Beirut massacre, Shamir said, "Everyone knows who committed the crime; Lebanon knows, the Arab countries know, Europe and everywhere else. Yet not one word of condemnation has been directed against those who committed this cruel massacre — all the propaganda is directed against Israel."

Shamir added that "the entire Jewish people and all friends of the truth throughout the world must mobilize against this terrible false libel."

Meanwhile, Butros Ghali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs is to launch a major attack on Israel this afternoon when he addresses the UN General Assembly.

"Egypt cannot afford to accept a situation in which one party to the conflict arrogates to himself the role of arbiter, waging wars, wreaking havoc and perpetrating aggression and occupying territories," he will state. "Egypt totally rejects Israel's utterly irresponsible and unbridled policy of aggression unleashed against the Palestine problem and the Palestinian people as well as the PLO."

The Egyptian official will also reiterate his country's commitment to the Egyptian-French initiative at the Security Council aimed at adopting a resolution calling for Israeli-Palestinian recognition and for the inclusion of the PLO in the peace process.

Poll shows massacre denting Begin-Sharon popularity

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first public opinion poll conducted after the Beirut massacre shows that the events in Beirut and the subsequent political storm has cut into the popularity of both Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, but both are still by far the most popular figures on the Israeli political scene.

The poll further indicates that were elections held now, the Likud would do worse than before the massacre, while Labour would benefit from the Likud's loss. Nevertheless, the Likud would remain the strongest party, and would emerge stronger than it did after the June 1981 elections, while the Alignment would have fewer seats than now.

The findings emerge from a poll conducted last week by Dr. Mina Zemach of the Dahaf Research Institute for *Monatin* monthly.

Zemach's chief conclusion is that at this time the massacre and its political aftermath have returned both Begin and Sharon to the level of popularity they had prior to the opening of the Peace for Galilee campaign. In her poll at the beginning of September, 82 per cent of the respondents registered satisfaction with Begin's performance as prime minister, while only 15 per cent were dissatisfied. In her poll last week Begin receives good marks from only 72 per cent of the respondents, while 27 per cent are unhappy with his performance.

Sharon is down in popularity from 78 per cent to 64 per cent. Those who disapprove of his performance increased from 17 per cent early in the month to 35 per cent a few days ago. Before the war in Lebanon 65 per cent approved of Sharon's handling of defence affairs while 32 per cent did not.

The effect which recent events have had on the popularity of Begin and Sharon can also be seen in the responses given by those polled when they were asked to name the person they consider most suitable for prime minister. Begin was named by 50 per cent, and although in August he was the choice of 64 per cent, he is still by far the most popular choice, considerably ahead of any other named personality.

A surprise increase, however, was registered in the popularity of President Yitzhak Navon who was named best man for the premiership by 12 per cent of the respondents as against only three in August. The most popular Labour figure, Yitzhak Rabin, is roughly in the same position he was last month, having been picked by 14 per cent, as against 13 last time. The fortunes of Labour chairman Shimon Peres are only a bit brighter, with five per cent supporting him for premier as against only three in August.

Ezer Weizman rose from one per cent to four and Sharon tumbled from three per cent to one. Thirteen per cent of the respondents picked no one and another one per cent picked other names.

According to Zemach's poll, the Likud would get six fewer Knesset seats if elections were held now than in August. Last month it could have garnered 61 seats (an absolute majority) whereas now it stands to win 55 (in last year's elections it was returned with 48 seats). Labour would emerge from elections now with 43 seats, five more than were predicted for it in August. In the last elections it won 47 seats.

The NRP would be down from six in August to five, Aguda is stable at four, Shinui representation would be increased to four as against a potential of only two a month ago, the CRM is unchanged at two, Tehiya is likewise stable at two, Tami at one and Rakah at four.

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Nazareth	38-24	40-24
Sharon	38-24	40-24
Tel Aviv	38-24	40-24
S-G Airport	38-24	40-24
Jericho	38-24	40-24
Galilee	38-24	40-24
Be'er Sheva	38-24	40-24
Eilat	38-24	40-24

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Uzi Landau, director-general of the Transport Ministry, will speak on road safety at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Pakad Meir Gilboa has been appointed spokesman of the police Southern District in place of Rav-Pakad Ami Fleissig.

George Uhlig, past vice-president of Rotary International, will speak on the Rotary Foundation at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

NII planning to reduce contributions

Post Economic Reporter

The National Insurance Institute council is to meet tomorrow to approve a cut in insurance contributions by an average 2.2 per cent, effective from October 1.

The proposed cut is the result of yesterday's deliberations at the Institute's finance committee, a body composed of representatives of the government, the Histadrut and the employers.

According to the committee's proposal the contribution paid by employers to the NII will be cut by some 1.7 per cent while that of employees will be reduced by 0.5 per cent.

The Treasury was originally seeking to reduce the contributions to the institute by some 3 per cent and to limit the cut to the employers' share. But at yesterday's meeting it preferred to adopt the NII's position calling for a smaller reduction with a moderate reduction in employees' payments.

The committee could not give a final approval to the proposed reduction since the Histadrut expressed opposition. This made it necessary to pass the decision to the NII Council, a higher body in which the Histadrut is in the minority.

According to the NII estimates, its revenue will decrease in the last half of this fiscal year by some \$53.3 billion. The Treasury for its part says that the Histadrut's opposition is politically motivated since all of the participants in yesterday's meeting were convinced of the necessity of bringing about a reduction in NII payments so as to reduce wage costs to employers and to encourage the creation of more jobs.

Mekorot to pipe sewage to the Negev

TEL AVIV. — Mekorot water company workers have begun laying a \$100 million water pipe from the Tel Aviv area sewage ponds, southeast of Rishon LeZion, to the south of the country.

Basketball

The results of the fourth round in the National Basketball League last night were as follows:

Hapoel Tel Aviv 90 Maccabi Haifa 82.

Hapoel Holon 115 Hapoel Ashdod 91.

Hapoel Ramat Gan 125 Bnei Tel Aviv 79.

Hapoel Haifa 90 Elitzur Tel Aviv 77.

Hapoel Gali Dyon 71 Hapoel Gani Shimon 67.

TOMORROW — Haga (Civil Defence)

Exercise in BE'ER YAACOV

Tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 30, there will be a Haga exercise in the Be'er Yaacov region. During the exercise, the sound of firing and explosions will be heard and the sirens will be sounded. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

HOME NEWS

Labour drops demand for Knesset discussion

By SARAH HONIG and DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Labour Alignment leaders decided yesterday — outvoting party chairman Shimon Peres — to cancel their request for a special Knesset session tomorrow to attack Defence Minister Ariel Sharon.

The official reason given for the decision by the Alignment faction executive was that Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin had refused to allow Labour's motion calling for the resignation of Sharon and of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Saidor said this was effectively a non-confidence motion — which cannot be tabled during the recess.

Labour sources acknowledged privately, though, that the cancellation was a "gesture" and came in reaction to the cabinet's decision to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacre, and to the Likud's decision to abandon plans for a massive pro-government rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday night.

Only Peres and Mapam's Dov Zakin voted in the faction executive for going ahead with seeking the special Knesset session. Twelve other members — a cross-section of hawks and doves including Mapam's Victor Shemtov — held that on tactical grounds it would be better to cancel the request.

Uzi Baram MK, the Jerusalem party branch boss, recounted how he and his wife had been harangued by angry crowds at a cinema in the capital at the weekend. Labour should not "appear divisive," Baram concluded from this experience.

While the Knesset plenary tomorrow is off, Labour intends to lash out at Begin when he appears at the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee today. The opposition members will challenge the premier as to whether he supports Sharon's allegations regarding the Tel az-Zatar massacre of 1976 and Israel's alleged role in it. All Labour's leaders and several former army officers have flatly denied Sharon's accusations. Labour spokesmen insisted yesterday that the Labourites had "nothing to hide" in connection with Tel az-Zatar.

Despite the tactical decision to call off the special Knesset session, Labour declared itself determined to press on with its campaign calling for the resignation of Begin and

Sharon. Peres said on television last night the two men ought to shoulder ministerial responsibility and step down. "It is not a matter of punishment or acquittal by a commission of inquiry. That is a separate issue. It is a matter of political responsibility," Peres said.

As for the cabinet's decision to set up the commission of inquiry, Peres said this had been in fact a reluctant surrender by the government "to the will of the people." He termed it "a very important expression of the national will."

Labour sources said the team which had organized last Saturday night's mass rally in Tel Aviv had already planned a string of other events around the country — designed to maintain the opposition's momentum against the government.

Shinui's Amnon Rubinstein, who had submitted the special Knesset motions jointly with Labour, expressed regret at the Alignment's decision to cancel the session. A special session in the recess requires 30 signatures by MKs; Rubinstein's party commands only two.

A source in Begin's office told *The Jerusalem Post* that "it would serve people well to remember that Peres, who is now whipping up hysteria in his demands for an inquiry, was the one who had opposed an inquiry in 1973 after the ill-fated Yom Kippur War when the State of Israel was put in very real and terrible danger as a result of government incompetence."

Interior Minister Yosef Burg (NRP) said he and his party are "satisfied that the commission is being set up. We had advocated this from the very first and an earlier move would have saved a lot of heartache all around."

In another development, Alignment MK Yossi Sarid yesterday requested the publication of the names of all those who fell in the Lebanon war.

In a letter to the chief of the IDF manpower division, Aluf Moshe Nativ, Sarid said that bereaved families have informed him that "the names of their fallen have not been published because they lost their lives in traffic accidents, training accidents and other circumstances, and not in combat."

"The families feel that this selective publication is aimed at reducing the casualty lists of this war, and so, regrettably, do I," Sarid wrote.

MIXED RECEPTION

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Sharon with the army to save us? "Most families remained near the graves as Sharon spoke in front of a tripod made of guns holding a helmet with a torch inside.

In his speech Sharon said he recognized and believed in the principle of ministerial responsibility. However he insisted "Israel had no part" in the massacre in the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut, thus tacitly rejecting the opposition's demands for his resignation.

Sharon appealed to all to rally behind the government to face what he claimed was "a circle of burning hatred against us."

Sharon claimed foreign powers usually moved to prevent Israel from reaping the benefits of its military victories, thinking Israel was weakened. History was repeating itself once again through the lie linking Israel with the massacre, he continued. "Did we massacre? None of us was there... (but) the world is now massacring Israel's moral nature... to weaken us, to impose solutions we cannot accept... Let's unite against this foreign attempt to harm us... can we not stand together? Have we decided to commit suicide?" he asked.

Judy Siegel adds: There were neither demonstra-

tions of support nor of condemnation of Prime Minister Menachem Begin when he arrived at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl military cemetery yesterday to mark the ninth anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

Only a few hundred bereaved relatives attended the 15-minute ceremony at the highest point of the cemetery, while hundreds more remained throughout at the graves of fallen sons, fathers and brothers.

Guarded by a large number of security men, the premier made no political statements regarding the conflict in Lebanon, and spoke only about the sacrifices of the fallen in the October War in 1973. The situation then, when Israel was attacked by surprise on two fronts, was "very, very serious," said Begin. "It was almost too hard to bear." But, outgunned and outnumbered, Israeli soldiers on the Egyptian and Syrian fronts struck back bravely and "saved the nation from destruction."

Begin then embraced and kissed Erez Kondo, a young teenager whose father fell in the Yom Kippur War. Erez recited the *Kaddish* prayer, and Esther Gabai, the mother of a fallen soldier, kindled the eternal light perched on three upturned rifles.

IDF OFFICERS

(Continued from Page One)

Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset, leaving the IDF to take the brunt of public and international criticism.

At a meeting last Friday between that senior command and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan severe criticism of the defence minister was aired. Meanwhile the IDF spokesman announced yesterday that Tat-Aluf Amram Mitzna has decided to remain at his post as commander of the staff college. His decision came after it became clear that the cabinet would decide to establish a commission of inquiry into the massacres, and after Eitan issued Mitzna with an ultimatum either to remain at his post or resign from the IDF.

Originally Mitzna had asked for a leave of absence, citing the continued incumbency of Sharon as defence minister as inconsistent with his ability to educate officers in the IDF tradition.

In his reply to Mitzna, Eitan said

Tourists trapped by rioters don't get their money back

By HAJM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After nine hours locked in a church in Nazareth, with shouting crowds, shots and tear gas all around, the participants of an Egged tour have found that they are not even getting their money back.

The tour took place last Wednesday, when demonstrations took place in Galilee Arab towns and villages against the Beirut massacre. According to Vicky Levy, a tourist from New York who took part in the ill-fated tour, Arabs who met the two Egged buses at the outskirts of Nazareth told the drivers it was unsafe to enter the town.

Instead, she said, the guides had the buses wait at the outskirts and led the tourists in on foot, paying the local guide to open the Basilica of the Nativity. Once inside, however, the tourists were trapped as mobs attacked and burned their

buses which held their belongings for the day.

Finally, she said, they were evacuated in mini-buses lent by an order of nuns. Levy is four months pregnant and said she was afraid she would miscarry as a result of the episode.

Back in Tel Aviv, Egged Tours refused to consider paying for the tourists' belongings or to refund the price of the tour.

"All they were interested in was getting their money," Levy said.

The Egged spokesman said last night that Egged Tours takes thousands of tourists through the Galilee every year and this was the first such incident. If the police had considered the area unsafe, they would have closed it, he said.

He promised that the tourists would receive some compensation, but he could not say from whom or when.

Religious academics meet Burg and Hammer before vote

Jerusalem Post Staff

Some 30 observant academics met yesterday before the cabinet meeting with National Religious Party ministers Yosef Burg and Ze'evulun Hammer and demanded the immediate appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacre and the immediate resignation of Defence Minister Ariel Sharon.

"Although we came out of the meeting 99 per cent certain that a judicial commission would be appointed, it is hard to say we were completely satisfied," Hebrew University historian Prof. Moshe Herr, the group's organizer, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The group's members — who teach at Tel Aviv, Bar-Ilan, Ben-Gurion, and Hebrew Universities, as well as at Jerusalem area yeshivot — hold various political beliefs. They said they organized and chose to meet the two cabinet members from a religious party, on a strictly religious-moral basis. They met with the ministers for 90 minutes.

"We fear for the identity and future of Israeli society, given the consternation and frustration raging within the nation," said Herr, "over the government's mistakes and irresponsible response to the atrocity in Beirut."

The group presented the ministers with two "minimum

demands": appointing the commission and firing Sharon. The defence minister must go, the group reiterated after the cabinet decision creating the commission, because "the defence minister has admitted that he erred by a lack of judgment in matters that caused the nation and the Jewish people immeasurable shame and harm."

During the cabinet meeting, about 25 Peace Now protesters called for Sharon's resignation in a demonstration opposite the Prime Minister's Office. A movement spokeswoman expressed satisfaction at the decision to appoint a judicial inquiry, but said the movement would continue to press for Sharon's ouster.

A few moments after the decision appointing the commission was announced, historian Dr. Yoav Gelber ended his four-day sit-down strike opposite the Prime Minister's Office. Gelber had resigned from the cabinet-appointed commission of inquiry into the 1933 murder of Haim Arlosoroff in protest against its reluctance to appoint an inquiry into the Beirut massacre.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, the Bar Association issued a statement welcoming the judicial inquiry and calling on the public "to enable the commission to fulfil its task properly by following the letter of the law."

IDF holds Israeli Druse in Beirut

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli Druse has been arrested as an extortionist in Beirut after a bizarre episode last Friday, the IDF spokesman said yesterday.

The Druse, a civilian, masqueraded in Israeli military uniform and drove a Lebanese army vehicle which had been commandeered by Israeli forces.

He was wounded and, according to Israel Radio, taken to the American Hospital in West Beirut

where he claimed he was with two soldiers and an officer who had gone missing.

The claim prompted a search for the missing soldiers. During the search an Israeli army vehicle was destroyed by a land mine and two men were wounded.

The radio said 13,000 Lebanese pounds and \$10,000 were found on the suspect, and that he was wounded in Beirut while attempting extortion.

Israeli authorities have put him under arrest.

Television board apologizes to Moda'i

The Broadcasting Authority's board of directors yesterday expressed its regret to Minister-without-Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i for unfair TV coverage last January of accusations against him by Labour MK Yehuda Hashai.

Moda'i declared he was not satisfied by the apology and wanted those responsible for the offending broadcast to be punished. However

The Jerusalem Post has learned that no action is intended.

The apology was made at a meeting in which the recently released findings of the Bechor Committee were discussed.

This committee found that the presentation of a report of a police investigation of Moda'i was sensational and that corrections to the original report were not broadcast in full.

France hails probe, praises TA mass rally

PARIS. — France yesterday welcomed the Israeli cabinet's decision to investigate the massacre in Beirut, and a Foreign Ministry spokesman recalled that Premier Pierre Mauroy had last week expressed France's trust in Israel's democracy.

Most French commentators said yesterday that the mass demonstration in Tel Aviv on Saturday night was a lesson for all democracies. They noted that at least one Israeli out of 10 had participated in the rally, a feat that no other country had matched when it came to denouncing a government.

However, several reports described the bad behaviour of Israeli troops in Beirut. The Beirut bureau chief of the Agence France Presse news agency wrote that his flat had been visited and several of his belongings stolen by Israeli soldiers.

While the mass demonstration was taking place in Tel Aviv on Saturday night some 2,000 people marched in Paris in support of the Peace Now movement.

The Christian Science Monitor yesterday praised the widespread protests in Israel. The charge that Israel's traditional moral conscience had been destroyed "has to be given the lie by the display of Israeli anguish over the massacre and their government's failure to

clear the air about it," the paper wrote in an editorial.

Thousands of Moslems living in Britain yesterday prayed for the Palestinian victims of the massacre and many marched in protest at the killings.

Over 50,000 Moslems held special prayers at a London mosque, while PLO officials displayed pictures of massacre victims and raised funds for the families of the dead.

In Scotland, hundreds of Moslems marched through central Glasgow on Monday to protest the massacre. Community leaders condemned Israel's "unprovoked aggression" in Lebanon and called for Palestinians to be given their own homeland.

In Bangkok, about 1,000 Thai Moslems marched to the Israeli embassy yesterday to protest the massacre. Some of the Jewish posters they carried read: "Egged Zionist — the criminal," and "Devil Jews Leave out of Thailand."

A Norwegian leftist organization supporting the PLO yesterday announced plans for an international hearing on Israel's invasion of Lebanon. The chairman of the group, Palestinafronten, said the hearing, to be held in Oslo on October 30-31, will be subordinate to a similar London-based "international commission." (AP, UPI, Reuter)

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findings. Officials admitted that the cabinet had deliberately forgone its own legal powers to decide on this matter for fear of being accused of seeking to cover up the proceedings.

In practice, observers expect much of the commission's deliberations are likely to be held behind closed doors, since the material to be investigated is security-sensitive.

The conclusions and recommendations — though not necessarily all of the findings — are expected to be made public.

The decision yesterday was taken unanimously after Begin tabled the proposal at the start of the session. Prior to the meeting, several ministers had said publicly that they would propose a full-scale judicial commission if Begin did not do so.

Cabinet sources said Defence Minister Ariel Sharon took little part in the discussion. Both he and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan are on record as supporting any form of thorough inquiry into the massacre.

Sharon came in for criticism, particularly from ministers Yosef Burg (National Religious Party) and Mordechai Zipori (Likud-Herut) over his attack on Labour regarding the 1976 Tel az-Zatar massacre.

Burg said the comments were ill-advised whether the allegations of IDF involvement were true or not. Zipori said they were not true. Sharon said he could prove they were. Sharon last week implied some IDF link to the massacre of Palestinians in Tel az-Zatar by Christian Phalange forces after the

camp was bombed by the Syrian army.

In a strange coincidence caused by the demands of formal procedure, Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman had to "re-resign" at yesterday's session — just as the cabinet was appointing the commission of inquiry he had fought for and quit over.

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir ruled that Berman's earlier resignation was ineffective as he had failed first to inform the cabinet, at a session, of his intention.

This Berman did yesterday, amid a courtly exchange of praise between himself and the prime minister. He attached a formal resignation letter dated yesterday to his original letter of last Wednesday, which cited the non-appointment of an inquiry commission as his reason for quitting.

But Berman told newsmen later that he had no regrets. He was at odds with the government over other issues of policy, he said.

He called for a national unity government as the means to combat Israel's overseas isolation and internal divisions.

Eight wounded in riot at Ansar camp

A riot broke out yesterday afternoon in the Ansar prison camp in Southern Lebanon, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman announced. During the disturbance camp guards were forced to open fire, wounding eight prisoners, the announcement said.

ברוך דיין האמת

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of

Dr. GEORGE WEBBER

at his home in London on Erev Yom Kippur.

We fully share the grief of his wife, Carmel, his children, grandchildren, sister, brother and all other members of the family.

We loved him and will sorely miss him.

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Jerusalem

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Tension still running high in Israeli Arab villages

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Further disturbances were reported yesterday in Arab villages in Galilee and the Little Triangle. Protests against the massacre in Beirut have been continuing since last Wednesday.

Moderate Arab leaders, meanwhile, are concerned that extremist groups may make attempts on their lives, following Sunday's attack on the house at Dabburiya, on Mount Tabor, whose owner is alleged to have "cooperated with the Israeli authorities." A young woman died during the attack.

Yesterday, police removed stones blocking the approach road to the Beduin village of Arab e-Shibli, on Mount Tabor. Many of the village's youth have served in IDF units in the south.

An ambulance was stoned on Monday night outside Majd el-Kurum, on the Acre-Safad highway, but no one was hurt. The road had

earlier been blocked by unknown persons. Galilee police chief Nitzav-Mishne Meir Sade yesterday called a meeting of representatives of the village to warn them against a repeat of yesterday's action.

Feelings also ran high yesterday in several villages in the Wadi Arara area, on the Afula-Hadera highway, with several small groups raising Palestinian flags and black banners. In Makr, near Acre, agitators failed to persuade worshippers in the local mosque to take to the streets.

The funeral of Ihab Ahmed Shakhburi, 19, who was killed on Sunday in Dabburiya, was held peacefully yesterday. At least twenty Arab organizations had earlier requested the local council to allow a demonstrative funeral but the request was refused out of fear of further violence.

Local communist sources claimed yesterday that the rifle fire which killed the girl had come from three directions simultaneously and

not only from the besieged house. After the shooting, police arrested 13 suspects, including the chairman of the local council, on suspicion of having participated in the procession which provoked the incident.

Moderate Arab leaders from the Galilee have asked the government to take severe measures against agitators and to provide them with personal protection. The leaders, who asked to remain anonymous, claimed that the agitation against the state could encourage extremists to attack them as "collaborators within the Zionist entity."

The prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs, Binyamin Gur-Arye, yesterday said that the tension in the Arab sector would disappear by the end of the week. In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Gur-Arye said that the government would have to study the unrest and to draw the correct lessons from recent events. Severe measures would have

to be taken against inciters, he said. At the same time, Gur-Arye emphasized that the government must continue to carry out its policy, which is based on a clear distinction between Arab residents who are loyal to the state and those who are not. The former must enjoy all civilian rights and privileges, while the latter must be put on trial and punished in accordance with the law, he said.

In the Druse sector, the first day of Id el-Adha ended without incident. President Yitzhak Navon called on the Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Taris, resident in Julis village. Several dignitaries from Lebanon attended the reception.

Navon said that Operation Peace for Galilee had enabled Israeli Druse to meet their Lebanese relatives after 34 years. He reiterated his call to Lebanese President Amin Jemayel to set up a commission of inquiry to look into the events which led to the Beirut massacre.

Leadership conflict between Peres, Rabin surfaces again

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The simmering feud between Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin is surfacing again. Reliable sources from several Labour factions told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Peres set up a team which could be used to try to ward off any possible challenges.

According to these reports, the Peres team is headed by Histadrut central committee member Gideon Ben-Yisrael and has Ihud Hakibbutzim Yehkutzot leaders among its chief supporters. The kibbutz movement is divided, however, with Kibbutz Meuhad movement leaders

solidly in the Rabin camp. The tensions in Labour came to the fore again as a result of two developments:

• Peres and his supporters feel that Labour could soon return to power, and fear renewed challenges for the party leadership. To preempt such moves, or to better able to combat them, Peres is reviving his camp in the party.

• The Rabin camp was alerted by reports that Peres has been trying to recruit former defence minister Ezer Weizman, and possibly encourage Liberal MKs to defect from the Likud, by promising him the defence portfolio. Sources close to Rabin say that he would be willing

to stay in the Number-Two position if he were guaranteed the defence portfolio. But the prospect that Rabin may be sacrificed for Weizman has shaken his camp back to life.

Sources in the Rabin camp say that Peres's aim is to win the premiership without going to the electorate, due to his low popularity ratings. They say he would like to woo Liberals away from the Likud, thus depriving the coalition of its Knesset majority. This could be achieved if the Liberals were promised that Weizman would be given the defence portfolio, it is believed.

Rabin's supporters say they will

not go along with such maneuvers to regain power. They also suspect that a new campaign is underway against Rabin and point to a spate of anti-Rabin letters in the morning papers.

Peres yesterday denied having negotiated with Weizman and said he "would not distribute portfolios while this government is still in power." However, sources close to Peres told *The Post* yesterday that Peres is in fact trying to woo Weizman but nothing has been finalized. They corroborated a report by Trade Minister Gideon Patai that Weizman tried to lure him and five other Liberals out of the Likud.

Neve Zahal parents finally send their children to school

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Neve Zahal's children yesterday went to school for the first time since the opening of the school year. Their parents, who had been preventing studies in the quarter's Hagail school for the past month, yesterday allowed the children to enter.

But studies may not continue because the municipality is still determined to send the quarter's first-graders to Hatikva quarter's Hayarden school, against the parents' wishes.

The children, including the first-graders, entered their classes yesterday and began studying. The city's Education Section officials were taken by surprise, and the small police force standing nearby in case of disturbances did not interfere.

But when word reached city Education Section Director Shimon Shoshani that the first-graders were studying in Hagail school instead of Hayarden, he instructed the school's principal to lock up the class used by the first-graders. Until recess, Shoshani forbade any teacher to teach the first-graders and one of the mothers watched over the children. After recess the children could not return to their class, which had been locked up on Shoshani's orders. The children were sent home with letters to their parents, informing them once again that their children must go to Hayarden school.

Neve Zahal's parents intend to continue sending their first-graders to Hagail, and a confrontation between them and city officials is expected.

Curfew after demonstration in Nablus

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several youths were detained yesterday following a demonstration in Nablus. Security forces who dispersed the demonstration in the centre of the West Bank city later clamped a curfew on the ancient market. No injuries were reported.

The Civil Administration in Gaza announced yesterday that as a gesture for the Moslem feast of Id al-Adha it had decided to release or amnesty 14 prisoners, reduce the sentences of eight others and grant

31 permits for family reunions. A spokesman for the administration said that the prisoners released included security offenders as well as ordinary criminals.

Despite calls from Moslem religious leaders in the territories for a modest day of festivity in memory of the victims of the massacre in Beirut, many celebrated Id al-Adha in restaurants in East Jerusalem, and midday cinema screenings in the city were as popular as ever.

Kahane prevented from entering Taiba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TAIBA. — Rabbi Meir Kahane was detained yesterday when he and three of his right-wing Kach movement followers arrived at a police roadblock outside this Arab village in the Little Triangle.

The police decided to hold Kahane for 48 hours to avoid a disturbance. Kahane had said on the eve of Yom Kippur that he would come to Taiba to tell the local council that anyone who did not support

the State of Israel should leave the country.

Thousands of people, many carrying sticks, gathered to meet the rabbi when he arrived. Police feared the situation would get out of control, they said, and therefore decided to detain him. They also blocked all roads in and out of the village.

Today Kahane is to appear before a magistrate.



Ida Milgrom holds up a picture of her son, the imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky, who has begun a hunger strike to protest his lack of communication with the outside world.

Avital Shcharansky urges new efforts to free husband

Jerusalem Post Reporter
and Agencies

TEL AVIV. — Avital Shcharansky, wife of imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky, yesterday called on supporters of her husband to increase efforts to secure his release.

Shcharansky began a hunger strike Sunday in Christopol Prison, 700 kilometres east of Moscow, to protest the confiscation of letters he tried to send to relatives for the past 10 months. He was sentenced to 13 years in prison in 1978 for allegedly spying for the U.S.

"He has not received any letters from Israel or from outside Russia for six years," Avital Shcharansky said, adding that she had not received any direct word from her husband since January.

His mother, Ida Milgrom, said in Moscow on Monday that Soviet

authorities were refusing to send his letters, claiming he was using a code system to give details about prison life.

"I don't know how long he can survive a hunger strike," Mrs. Shcharansky said. Describing the strike as "a strong move," she said, "It's good for the whole Jewish emigration movement. I believe his strike gives courage to the activists in Moscow for Jewish emigration."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said: "We wish to emphasize how thoroughly we deplore the Soviet authorities' willful abuse of Mr. Shcharansky's rights which has led to this desperate decision. We call on Soviet authorities to reconsider their treatment of Mr. Shcharansky and to restore his ability to be allowed to communicate with friends and relatives."

Uzan bill to aid large families goes to committee

The draft law to aid large families was referred yesterday by the cabinet to the Ministerial Economic Committee, with the aim of getting it to the Knesset for its first reading at the opening of the winter session.

Proposed by Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan, the bill would increase government grants to large families and provide a range of other benefits in education, housing and public transport. The cost of the entire package is estimated at IS1.6 billion for this year.

The commitment to pass a bill aiding families with four or more children was part of last year's coalition agreement.

Opening night will now go ahead as planned at the Haifa Theatre this Saturday night, followed by performances in the Acre Theatre Festival on October 4 and 5.

Radio fires Gideon Hod as sports director

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gideon Hod, veteran sports commentator on Israel Radio, is to be removed from his post of sports director, the Broadcasting Authority announced yesterday. The reason given was his "bad performance" in organizing coverage of the World Soccer Cup games.

Hod told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he has not been working as sports director for nine months and is "not disturbed" by the management decision.

The rare decision is the result of a recommendation by Nakhimov Rogel, a senior authority official who was designated to investigate complaints about coverage of the games.

Rogel found that Hod had organized coverage "poorly," and that sports announcers were forced to cover much of the action from their hotel while watching the games on a TV screen, as well as to use poor phone lines to report back

to Israel. Rogel praised Hod's ability as a sports commentator, reporter and announcer, but stated that he has "no professional ability as an administrator, and should not serve in such a capacity."

However, Hod, who has been at Kol Yisrael for 28 years, asserted last night that he abandoned his administrative duties nine months ago, because "people in the radio sports department do what they want without talking to each other." He said that Abraham Lalo, the news staffer who was named by the station last night to "replace" Hod, in fact has been doing the job



President Yitzhak Navon receives a Succot gift of the Four Species (willow, myrtle, palm leaves and citron) from the Religious Affairs Ministry. The delegation, from left to right: Yuvai Yonatan; Moshe Lavie; Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, the rabbi of the Western Wall; and ministry director-general Rabbi Moshe Salomon.

Succot 'four species' a bargain this year

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

With preparations for the Succot holiday, which begins Friday night, in full swing, prices for the four species used in the holiday services are said to be moderate.

The species, which include the etrog (citron), lulav (palm) hadas (myrtle) and arava (willow), cost this year about IS180 all told. Experts say the price has gone up since last

year less than the cost of living index.

One reason for the relatively low price is that the first day of the holiday falls on Shabbat, on which no blessing over the four species is recited, because they may not be carried to the synagogue. As a result, many observant Jews feel that they do not have to have the traditional blenish-free etrog.

The experts also noted that those looking for real bargains will wait

until Friday afternoon, just before the holiday begins when, they say, it becomes a buyers' market.

In other preparations for the holiday, the Jerusalem Municipality is distributing free greenery which covers the roof of the succa booth in which Jews are commanded to dwell for seven days. The branches are to be given out today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 32 distribution points throughout the city.

El Al workers threaten 'war' to reopen line

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

El Al's works committees convened all the company's workers at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday and decided on an "all out war" to get the airline reopened.

"We shall act in any way possible to get the airline working again. This will be the hardest battle we have ever entered, but we are ready for it," works committees spokesman Gabi Saltzman said after the meeting.

Saltzman said that in addition to the huge financial losses caused to the state and El Al by the closure — estimated last week at IS150 million — the management has violated its

work agreements with some 4,000 workers by sending them on leave.

El Al's management yesterday rejected the direct offer made by the airline's works committees to resume full operations and then negotiate over the labour dispute, which led to the complete grounding of El Al two weeks ago.

Company manager Yitzhak Shander told workers' representatives yesterday that the airline would resume activities only when and if the management completes its programme for reorganizing and restructuring the company.

However, the workers refuse to negotiate the management's new plans and new work agreements as

long as the airline is grounded.

The Histadrut's central committee is due to meet today at the initiative of secretary-general Yehoram Meshel to demand that El Al resume operations immediately.

The management grounded the airline two weeks ago following a labour dispute with cabin attendants, during which 11 stewards and pursers were dismissed. The Tel Aviv Regional Labour Court ruled Sunday that the dismissals were in violation of the work agreements and therefore must be cancelled.

The court rejected the management's request that the dismissals remain valid until the company could appeal the ruling.

Weatherman advises umbrellas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "God must have heard our Yom Kippur prayers and cooled the weather to cool our tempers in Israel," said a Tel Aviv pedestrian yesterday afternoon, when the long summer heat wave broke with a sudden drop of about three degrees.

The duty weatherman at the Meteorological Institute at Beit Dagan told *The Jerusalem Post* that the sudden change in weather was due to rain clouds gathering in Northern Egypt. Some of the clouds reached southern Israel, causing light, sporadic rain in areas from Eilat to Beersheba.

The weatherman was not able to say whether rain would spread north during the night and today. "My advice, however, is to take an umbrella to work this morning," he said.

New Sobol play approved by censors

HAIFA. — The Film and Theatre Censorship Board yesterday approved the performance of the Haifa City Theatre's controversial new play, "The Last Night of Otto Weininger."

The play, by Yehoshua Sobol, contains three erotic scenes — including one set in a brothel — and the go-ahead was given only after representatives of the Board saw a full-dress rehearsal last week.

"We wanted to be sure how these scenes would be acted before deciding to issue a licence. We have now seen the play and it is okay," Board chairman Yehoshua Justman said yesterday.

Opening night will now go ahead as planned at the Haifa Theatre this Saturday night, followed by performances in the Acre Theatre Festival on October 4 and 5.

U.S. expert says environment in Sinai is being damaged

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite official Egyptian promises to continue environmental control in southern Sinai, conservation efforts by the Egyptian authorities are meagre and disorganized, according to a confidential report to the American Holy Land Conservation Fund this summer.

The report, by Eric Brunn, says there is "very little fundamental understanding of conservation by most Egyptians." Brunn spent most of July in Sinai. As for the Egyptian Wildlife Service, he characterized it as "weak and poorly organized" with only one of its five members engaged in effective field work. "The rest just spend most of their time at their desks in Cairo," he said.

The other agency involved in conservation, the Arab Office of Youth and Environment, is described as "well-meaning, but disorganized."

During his visit, Brunn noted

tourists in Sharm e-Sheikh fishing, spearhunting and taking pieces of coral from the sea. This was at the former Israeli Nature Study Centre, which the Egyptian Wildlife Service has taken over. Brunn also saw litter strewn on the beach and in the town itself. According to an Egyptian informant, the governor of Sinai "had no understanding of the protection of the ecology" and, as a soldier, "was purely interested in military concerns."

As for northern Sinai, Brunn said, there is an interest in conservation and the governor there has appointed an officer who would like to see a national park at Bardawil. However, Brunn adds, the officer is handicapped by having very little knowledge of conservation, as well as none of the equipment needed by a conservation officer.

Brunn says that despite the general lack of interest, there are individuals in Egypt who have an understanding of conservation. But he adds that they do not have the authority, the time or the facilities to accomplish very much.

Paz Oil strikers offer deal, management turns it down

HAIFA. — As the strike by 600 employees of the government-owned Paz Oil Company entered its second week yesterday, the works committee proposed a temporary settlement of a month's wages each, on account of their demands. The proposal was turned down by the management, which claims that it is bound by government policy and has no authority to grant pay rises.

The management has sued the workers in two labour courts, in Haifa and Tel Aviv, but the courts have so far not issued orders to oblige the workers to stop their strike. Over three quarters of them

are based in Haifa. Yesterday they assembled at the Paz Oil installations here, to hear a report on developments from their committee.

The committee claims that they put their demands forward last February, but while the management was claiming lack of authority to negotiate with them, senior executives were drawing "fantastic" salaries, it said.

The strike has not had the effect the workers had expected, because the other two oil companies, Delek and Sonol, are supplying fuel to Paz customers.

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Free Democrats vote to abandon Schmidt

BONN. — Opponents of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt agreed last night to call a parliamentary vote for Friday to try to remove the chancellor from office, party spokesmen said.

In party caucuses, the liberal Free Democrats (FDP) and the nation's two conservative parties voted to try to bring the chancellor down and to elect conservative opposition leader Helmut Kohl in his place. (Earlier report from our Bonn correspondent on page 5)

The parliamentary deputies in Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, voted unanimously in their caucus for a no-confidence vote.

But the smaller liberal Free Democrats, bitterly divided over whether to unseat the Chancellor with whom they had governed from 1974 until September 17, haggled for more than eight hours before voting 34-18 with two abstentions to turn their backs on Schmidt.

Both caucuses also approved

agreements setting out the basic outlines of a conservative-liberal coalition government.

The Free Democrats' decision to abandon Schmidt was crucial to opponents' efforts to oust the 63-year-old chancellor. Without at least 23 Free Democrats joining them, the 226 conservative deputies could not raise the 249 parliamentary votes they need to bring the chancellor down. The Bundestag is a 497-seat house.

Schmidt's opponents were expected to rush last night to the Bundestag to formally request the no-confidence vote in enough time that a 48-hour waiting period required by law can elapse by Friday.

In a second vote, FDP deputies approved by a margin of 32-20 a policy programme which party chief Hans-Dietrich Genscher concluded with Kohl and CSU leaders earlier in the day.

It foresees higher indirect taxes, compulsory loans to the state from high earners and a series of welfare cuts. (AP, Reuters)

W. German firm to defy U.S. by supplying Soviet pipeline

FRANKFURT (UPI). — A West German firm said yesterday it will defy American sanctions and deliver turbines for the controversial Siberian natural-gas pipeline.

A spokesman for the AEG-Kanis engineering firm said it has informed the Soviet Union it will ship the first of 47 turbines it has agreed to make for the 5,920-kilometre pipeline that has driven a deep wedge in the western alliance.

The spokesman would not confirm a report the first shipment would be made this week.

The German firm's decision followed similar actions by French, British and Italian firms. In retaliation, the U.S. halted all exports to the firms.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday he was unaware of Kanis's decision, which was the decision of the Nuremberg-based firm. However, late last month the Economic Ministry informed Kanis the sanctions imposed by President

Ronald Reagan were illegal under international law and a violation of West German sovereignty.

The firm has a \$320 million contract to deliver the 47 turbines which are being built with technology of the U.S. General Electric Company. Kanis had held General Electric licences for 10 years.

Kanis's action came as no surprise, since Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has been outspoken in his condemnation of the American sanctions as an attempt to start a trade war with the Soviet Union. He also has said the pipeline contracts will help fight unemployment, which now is at the two million mark.

Thatcher to New Delhi

HONGKONG (AP). — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher left yesterday for New Delhi on her way home after a Far Eastern tour.

'Test-tube' mothers divided on doctor

LONDON (UPI). — Britain's test-tube mothers yesterday both denounced and defended Dr. Robert Edwards, the pioneer who helped have them children.

The British Medical Association, urged doctors not to cooperate with Edwards' infertility clinic near conference Sunday he had carried out scientific experiments on 14 or 15 embryos, some of which died.

"Who does he think he is — God?" said Mrs. Gill Short, 29, one of the hundreds of women treated at

Edwards' infertility clinic near Cambridge, northeast of London.

She said she would be "eternally grateful" to Edwards for the "gift" of her 10-month-old son Martin, but said, "no matter how marvelous this man has been to me, I cannot condone his experiments on living human beings. It is morally terrible."

Mrs. Dolly Fowles, another mother of a test-tube baby, could not agree: "I wish people would leave this poor man alone to get on with the fantastic work he is doing."

Teller favours 'defensive' bombs

EASTON, Pennsylvania. — Democrats must arm themselves with defensive nuclear weapons or risk devastation at the hands of the "power-hungry" Soviets, Edward Teller said Monday.

"People are rightly tired of the balance of terror," according to Teller, a member of the Manhattan Project team that developed the atomic bomb. "They believe, I think wrongly, that the freeze (on nuclear weapons) will help."

He said that if people knew the truth, they would not support the freeze.

Teller said the Russians have at least three times the explosive power as the U.S.

"I am now most interested in defensive nuclear weapons because our development has reached the stage where defence, contrary to public opinion, becomes possible."

In Geneva, U.S. Ambassador Paul Nitze asserted yesterday that progress has been achieved in the intermediate-range nuclear arms



Edward Teller

talks that began with the Soviets months ago, but he declined to predict when an agreement might be concluded.

However, his Soviet counterpart, Yuri Kvititsky, indicated later that the two sides remained far apart.

The talks are to resume tomorrow after a two-month summer recess. (UPI, AP)

Shortfall won't cut Polish meat rations

WARSAW. — Market supplies of meat, poultry, butter and eggs will continue to fall during the fourth quarter of this year, but apparently will not lead to a cut in rations, it was reported here yesterday.

Despite the shortfall, the Polish news agency PAP gave no indication that the 2.5 kilogram monthly meat ration for Poles would be cut further.

Strikes and protests over higher prices for shrinking meat supplies in 1980 helped launch Solidarity, the independent labour movement

suspended by martial law last December 13.

At a news conference for foreign journalists yesterday, government minister Wladyslaw Baka said that revival of the unions was necessary for the implementation of economic reform.

Government press spokesman Jerzy Urban, who had been scheduled to answer questions on the reinstatement of the unions, did not attend the news conference. No reason was given for his absence. (AP, UPI)

Police in Frankfurt avert bombing

FRANKFURT (UPI). — Police defused a bomb planted under the window of the Iraqi Airlines office just before the morning rush hour yesterday, a police spokesman said.

He said a cleaner alerted police at 6:30 a.m. when he noticed a plastic bag with suspicious contents placed

under the window of the office in downtown Frankfurt.

Police said they were conducting tests to see if there was any similarity between the bomb and three bombs that exploded in central Frankfurt Monday, killing one person and seriously injuring another.

Missing people won't turn up soon, Argentina cautions

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — Under growing pressure to reveal what happened to thousands of people who disappeared during the military government's anti-terrorist drive, the Argentine Interior Ministry has warned against expecting miracles.

Interior Minister Llamil Reston, a retired army general, told a meeting of provincial governors Monday that the promised return to civilian democracy in 1984 "cannot be achieved at the cost of sacrificing peace, security and the established order."

"We are obliged to be clear on this subject, even if it is painful,"

Reston said. "We will continue helping the justice system determine the circumstances surrounding the real or presumed disappearances. But no one can reasonably expect the government to come up with a solution that all logic and common sense indicate is non-existent."

The message was apparently a warning that politicians should not push for a full-scale investigation into the armed forces' responsibility for the disappearances.

Human rights groups say 6,000 to 20,000 people disappeared during what the armed forces called the "dirty war" against terrorism from

Shultz-Gromyko meeting expected to be fruitless

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Little progress toward improving troubled U.S.-Soviet relations was expected to emerge from a meeting last night between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

U.S. officials would not even disclose what Shultz and Gromyko planned to talk about, although an official said privately that Shultz was certain to urge the Soviets to withdraw from Afghanistan and to drop their backing for repression in Kampuchea and Poland. The two also were expected to discuss the nuclear missile control negotiations under way in Geneva.

U.S. officials say incentive is lacking on both sides to take the steps necessary to improve relations.

However, one U.S. Soviet expert said the Soviets are again showing interest in a summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev. He said the Soviets have raised the subject on four recent occasions, including once with U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hartman in Moscow in the last two weeks.

He said the health of the 75-year-old Brezhnev has improved, making a summit possible again from the Soviet side.

UK Labour unseats radicals from the party's executive

BLACKPOOL, England (AP). — Opposition Labour Party leader Michael Foot gained new backing yesterday in his campaign against the radical left in Britain's ideologically divided Socialist Party.

Results of Monday's vote for the makeup of Labour's 29-member ruling national executive committee gave Foot and his moderate supporters a net gain of two, with several prominent left-wingers ousted.

Among those who lost their seats in the shakeup was Joan Maynard, a left-winger who was scheduled to be Labour Party chairman next year.

Some moderates were also removed from the party hierarchy, including Joan Lester, spokeswoman on women's rights and one of Foot's most trusted supporters. They were apparently

voted off the committee in a concerted drive by left-wing factions to blunt what they see as a right-wing purge.

Tony Benn, the former energy secretary who leads Labour's left wing, held his seat, but conceded the election result represented "a very big swing to the right."

Union officials at the conference yesterday announced plans for a series of one-day disruptive strikes in a follow-up to last week's nationwide "Day of Action" in support of protesting health workers.

The regional walkouts are being timed for next week in an apparent effort to cause maximum embarrassment to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ruling Conservatives, who open their annual party conference next Monday in the south coast resort of Brighton.

China: Rapprochement up to Soviets

PEKING (Reuters). — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said yesterday China was willing to improve relations with the Soviet Union but only if Moscow took concrete steps to ease tensions.

Earlier China's top leader, Deng Xiaoping, told Suzuki during a 90-minute meeting that there could not be any great change in relations between Moscow and Peking, which have been at loggerheads for over 20 years.

Japanese officials reported Deng as saying the heart of the problem was Soviet "hegemonism." This is the term China uses to mean a tendency by both superpowers, especially the Soviet Union, to dominate other countries.

Deng reiterated the three main

complaints Peking has against Moscow, the officials said — points previously given by Peking as the main obstacles to a Sino-Soviet rapprochement.

They involve the alleged deployment of huge numbers of Soviet troops along the Chinese border and in Mongolia, Soviet military involvement in Afghanistan, and Moscow's support for Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea.

FISH WAR — A four-hour general strike, called to urge settlement of a "fish war" between local fishermen and North African countries closed schools, public offices, shops and banks in the Sicilian port of Mazara del Vallo yesterday.

Sports

Winning Cards

NEW YORK (AP). — The St. Louis Cardinals clinched the championship of the National League's Eastern Division on Monday night with a victory over the Montreal Expos, last year's three winners.

Willie McGee's three-run inside-the-park homer highlighted a four-run first inning. Dave Lapoint, 9-3, was the winner.

The victory — which enabled manager Whitey Herzog's club to become the first team to nail down a Division flag this year — gave the Cards their first title since the advent of divisional play in 1969.

In the American League, Don Baylor's seventh-inning RBI single broke a 2-2 tie and gave the California Angels a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

The victory improved California's lead in the AL West to 4½ games over the Royals. The Angels can clinch the West crown with another victory over Kansas.

In late NL action, Mario Soto fired a five-hitter and last-pair Cincinnati broke loose for four runs in the fourth inning en route to a 6-1 victory over slumping Los Angeles, the Dodgers' sixth straight loss.

Meanwhile, Chris Chambliss' two-run double topped off a five-run Atlanta fourth-inning uprising and Phil Neikro, 16-4, hurled a two-hitter as the Braves moved back into a first-place tie in the NL West with a 7-0 triumph over the San Francisco Giants.

The Braves' victory pulled Atlanta into a tie with the Dodgers. The Giants, who had a five-game winning streak snapped, remained one game behind the co-leaders.

Monday's games

American League
Seattle 3-1, Oakland 4-4; New York 10, Boston 3; Texas 4, Oakland 1; California 3, Kansas City 2.

National League
St. Louis 4, Montreal 2; New York 4, Pittsburgh 1; Chicago 8, Philadelphia 1; Cincinnati 6, Los Angeles 1; Houston 7, San Diego 3; Atlanta 7, San Francisco 6.

Intercontinental

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (Reuters). — Results of Intercontinental Baseball cup matches played on Monday night: U.S. Armed Forces All Stars beat Den Bosch (Netherlands) 8-1 (half-time 3-0); Fort Belvoir (U.S.) beat Fort Belvoir (Netherlands) 8-1 (half-time 3-0); Fort Belvoir (U.S.) beat Fort Belvoir (Netherlands) 8-1 (half-time 3-0).

Bomb scare

BRISBANE (Reuters). — Several hundred athletes, officials and journalists were evacuated from the Commonwealth Games stadium for two hours yesterday because of a bomb scare.

Police ordered the evacuation of the athletics track and the main grandstand at the Queen Elizabeth II Athletics Stadium, after receiving a telephone call at police headquarters in Brisbane. But, after a two-hour search by the Army bomb squad, police, sniffer dogs and anti-terrorist units failed to find any devices, the building was reopened and the build-up for the Games resumed. The Games begin on Thursday.

Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson, the greatest all-round athlete, stunned English team officials by failing to carry his country's flag in the opening ceremony. The 24-year-old Londoner said he wanted to concentrate on preparing for his 10-event specialty.

The flag now carried by swimmer Phil Hubble, the Olympic butterfly swimmer, who described it as "a great honour." He is the first English swimmer to carry the flag.

Fast veteran

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Manchester-born Barry Shaw of Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon won the veterans' event in the weekend 12-nation marathon of the International Workers' Sports Committee in Brussels. He finished in 12th place overall. His time was 2:42.25.

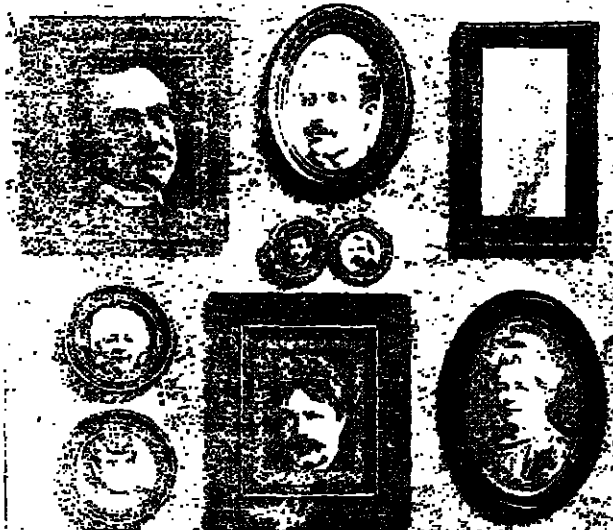
He headed a 6-strong Hapoel team competing in the biennial race for the first time. As he has only recently turned 40, this was his first run as a veteran.

Lendl again

NORTH CONWAY, New Hampshire (UPI). — Ivan Lendl watched his 13th tournament victory yesterday by defeating Jose Liganza in less than eight minutes with a 6-3, 6-2 straight set. Lendl's last tournament win was a 6-3, 3-2 lead before the rain stopped play on August 2, won all three games.

STREET PEOPLE

by Helga Dudman



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First Programme
6.11 Musical Clock
7.07 (stereo): Morning Melodies
8.05 (stereo): W.F. Bach: Double Concerto for 2 Harpsichords and Orchestra (Gustav Leonard); J.C. Bach: Symphony op.3, No.1 (English Chamber Orchestra)
9.05 (stereo): Handel: 2 Dances (Mariner); Mozart: Concerto for Two Pianos, K. 365 (Radio Lupu, Andre Previn, London Symphony); Britten: Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (London Symphony, Andre Previn)
10.05 (stereo): Gosses: Symphonie Concertante for 2 Harps and Orchestra; Schumann: Symphony No.3, Rhenish
11.00 Sephardi Traditions
11.15 Elementary School Broadcasts

11.30 Education for All
12.05 (stereo): J.S. Bach — Italian Concerto (Edith Pichler-Alexander; Cantata No. 189 (Dei Jenkins, Israel Baroque Ensemble); Violin Concerto in E Major (Henryk Szeryng, J.S.O., Berlin)
13.05 (stereo): An hour with pianist Arturo Benedetti-Michelangeli — Scarlatti: Sonatas Nos.104 and 483; Haydn: Concerto in D Major (Zurich Chamber Orchestra, De Sissler; Debussy: Children's Corner, Excerpts
14.10 Children's programmes
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 (stereo): Period Music — the Baroque (repeated)
17.00 Talmud lesson
17.20 Introduction to the Oral Law
17.35 Programmes for Olim
20.05 Everyman's University
20.35 (stereo): On the Opera Stage — Offenbach: Orpheus in the Underworld
23.00 (stereo): Ian Reichtman, piano — Rachmaninov, Gorielli-Variations; Chopin: Ballade in G Minor op.12; Liszt: Sonata in B Minor
00.20 (stereo): Jazz Hour

13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Sweet as Honey — presented by Dan Kanter
16.10 Press Conference — introduced by Yitzhak Golan
17.15 Of People and Places
18.00 Programme for Senior Citizens
18.47 Bible Reading — Kings I, 8:1-10
19.01 Today — people and events in the news
20.10 Sephardi songs — recordings of a live performance
21.05 Jazz Corner
22.05 Questions and Answers on Halachic matters
23.05 Good Evening from Jerusalem

21.00 Mahan Newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeated)
22.02 Popular songs
23.00 These Were the Days — September 1924 (repeated)
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About Sex 7, 9.15; Chess: Alex-ander Nevsky 7; Woman of the Dunes 9.30
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HALFA 4, 6.45, 9
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ONLY DAYS AGO it seemed virtually certain that Helmut Schmidt's days as West Germany's chancellor were numbered. The new alignment of the Free Democrats (FDP), led by former Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and the Christian Democratic faction (CDU/CSU) was planning to table a motion of no-confidence this week.

And the outcome looked certain: Genscher had been able to promise Christian Democratic leader Helmut Kohl at least 33 of the FDP's 53 votes in the Bundestag. For an absolute majority, the CDU/CSU faction needs just 23 votes.

The fall of the Social Democrats, who have been in power for the past 13 years, was widely expected even within SPD circles. Indeed, the chairman of the SPD's Bundestag faction, Herbert Wehner, had predicted a 15-year sojourn in the political wilderness for his party.

But Sunday's elections in Hesse, which were viewed as the curtain-raiser to what would happen in Bonn, have brought about a dramatic transformation in political fortunes.

The polls predicted — and the politicians and commentators expected — an absolute majority for the Christian Democrats and as much as a 10 percentage point loss for the Social Democrats.

The predictions proved correct only with respect to the FDP. With no more than 3.1 per cent of the vote, the Free Democrats failed to clear the minimum 5 per cent threshold for representation in the Landtag (state parliament). For the time being, they have been wiped off the political map in Hesse.

MOREOVER, the Hesse voters confounded all predictions about the two major parties. The CDU not only failed to get the absolute majority it had hoped for, but with 45.6 per cent of the vote, it actually slipped from the 46 per cent it received in 1978 and the 47.3 per cent it received in 1974. Its candidate for the Hesse premiership, Alfred Dregger, announced that he would resign the chairmanship of his party after having failed in his fourth attempt at the top job in the state.

Even more surprising was the degree to which the Social Democrats managed to rally their supporters. With 42.8 per cent of the vote (compared with 44.3 per cent in 1978 and 43.2 per cent in 1974), the SPD's gathering decline was halted.

The results have left Hesse in a situation similar to that of Hamburg, where neither of the two major parties has a majority and where the incumbent head of government must rely on issue-by-issue support from the Greens, a motley agglomeration of various environmental, civil rights and peace campaigners. In Hesse, the Greens won 8 per cent of the vote.

But beyond the inevitability of a minority government in Hesse, the results may be a harbinger of what is to come at the federal level in Bonn. Defeat in Hesse has thrown the Free Democrats into even more in-

Jerusalem Post Correspondent Meir Merhav reports from Bonn on some fancy footwork that could save Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's political life.

Stunning strategy



Above: SPD leader Helmut Schmidt. Below: CDU leader Helmut Kohl (left), FDP leader Hans-Dietrich Genscher.



ternal turmoil than before and there is now a distinct possibility that the party will split.

Franz Josef Strauss, premier of Bavaria and chairman of the Christian Social Union (the Bavarian sister party of the CDU), wants the Free Democrats off the political scene both in Bavaria and in the federal republic. He renewed his call for immediate national elections as soon as the results in Hesse became known. And he questioned the political viability of the Free Democrats, who have traditionally held the balance between the two major parties.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher himself has called on party members who disapprove of his switch to a coalition with the CDU to seek their for-

tunes elsewhere.

First reactions to the Hesse elections indicate that opposition to Genscher and his line is mounting — and the Social Democrats are naturally playing on this dissent by offering Free Democratic dissenters a haven in the Social Democratic camp.

ONE THING is certain: the resounding defeat which the Free Democrats suffered in Hesse will not strengthen their bargaining position in the coalition talks with the CDU. These, both Genscher and Kohl asserted emphatically on Sunday night, will go on as scheduled — although Kohl admitted on television that he would naturally have to take account of

the new reality created by the Hesse elections.

The big question now is whether the new Christian Democrat/Free Democrat alliance will still go ahead with its no-confidence motion.

That decision was due to be made yesterday evening, when the shaken Free Democrats were due to map out their future policy.

Meanwhile, Franz Josef Strauss has summoned the CSU party leadership to Munich for consultations and may still succeed in scuttling the coalition talks between the CDU and FDP. In addition, Genscher's ability to rally the necessary number of FDP Bundestag members for the no-confidence vote is much less certain than it seemed a week ago.

IF HELMUT SCHMIDT is not voted out of office, he will remain chancellor, at the head of a minority government, until new elections are held, in late November or early December at the earliest.

This, indeed, is what Schmidt was seeking when he maneuvered Genscher and the other three FDP ministers into resigning from the government on September 17, thereby forcing them to enter into immediate coalition talks with the CDU rather than waiting, as they had planned to do, until after the Hesse elections, when they would have been able to see which way the wind was blowing.

Schmidt's tactical move was stunningly successful. By forcing the Free Democrats into premature negotiations with the CDU, he was able to attach to them the stigma of traitors to the coalition. Once again, the FDP, which in the 1980 elections had campaigned on the slogan that "A Vote for Genscher is a Vote for Helmut Schmidt," appeared as the perennial turncoat party of German politics.

This was the feeling not only among the Social Democrats, but also within the ranks of the FDP itself.

Schmidt, with his party's support, has been calling insistently for early elections. He may now have his way, after all.

However, if Hamburg and Hesse are any indication, it is likely that new elections will produce a similar result on the Federal level. SPD chairman Willy Brandt is, in fact, prepared for such a result. He has consistently advocated that the SPD seek to woo back those of the younger generation who have turned to the Greens, and that the SPD cooperate in government with the Greens, as well as with social-liberals from the ranks of the Free Democrats.

The next few days are likely to decide whether Germany will be governed by a minority government of the centre-left or by an interim government of the right. In either case, it appears that the federal republic is, in for a period of political instability. Neither result will bring any closer a solution to the urgent problems of high unemployment, mounting budget deficits and growing national debt, which were the immediate causes of the present crisis in Bonn.

The games people play

ALL IN THE FAMILY/Eleanor Harris

cent who gives you a nasty argument because his favourite jeans are still out on the line, although he has four other pairs that look identical. □ "Somebody took my tennis shoes!" No other person in the house could (or would if he could) possibly have taken his shoes, but Dodo, who is engaged in a frenzied last-minute search is maintaining at the top of his voice that somebody (and he usually looks straight at mother) certainly moved them from their proper place on top of the refrigerator.

The elusive object may be a ruler, homework or a favourite sweater. No matter. The rule to this game is that it is played at the very last minute prior to departure, and that everyone present ultimately gets involved in order to end the madness as quickly as possible.

By the way, this is not played only by the young. Adults play this game with car keys and bills that must be paid on this, the last day, but the wear and tear on the nerves is still the same.

If your family has never played out the above scenes, there is an infinite variety of others. There are the morning hassles that involve preparing sandwiches, requests for money on a day when you are out of cash, or the argument as to whose turn it is to run to the store for bread and milk.

THE AFTERNOON games are not nearly so dramatic, and they are almost exclusively concerned with homework and academic achievement. Because parents are so concerned about their children's school progress, it is often difficult for them to recognize a game pattern that lures them into participation, sometimes when it is not in the child's best interest.

There is the child who always needs help, though he or she is in no

way educationally handicapped. In fact, the child is healthy and competent, but it is less wearisome and more pleasurable to have a parental partner to share the burden of arithmetic.

The child always has a good reason why he should have such help. The teacher didn't explain the problems yet. She talks too softly so he can't hear in class. She doesn't give enough time for finishing the work in school.

The reasons for this behaviour may vary: he may really feel that much less adequate than others in his class, or he may fear "failure," fear he will not achieve the marks he expects of himself. Or the reasons may have nothing to do with school. They may result from a need for more attention, and school work offers an acceptable excuse for getting it.

Then there is the scholar who has no trouble doing lessons, only in finding the necessary time for them. This necessary time is always at the last second — after bed-time, at the crack of dawn, or in the class immediately preceding the one in which the homework is due.

In the early grades a parent tries to discourage such habits by enforcing a schedule. The child must do his lessons before going out to play, or at a special time just before or after supper. Sometimes this works just because a child is amenable and enjoys the sense of order a fixed schedule provides. Sometimes it works because the parent is so concerned about his child's schooling that he goes to any length to be sure that the homework gets done — and therein lies the problem.

The child who is always reminded, prodded, or helped with his homework, which he is perfectly capable of managing on his own, is shirking responsibility. More important, he never learns the self-

discipline required to organize his time effectively.

EITHER the morning games or the study habits can — and do — affect the child's attitude toward school and studies and eventually his choice of careers. Some very bright young people shy away from careers that require lengthy academic preparation, not because they do not have the necessary skills, but because they don't feel that they have the self-discipline.

They say that they don't enjoy studying, they don't like schools of any kind, or they just want to earn money. Many of them later rue their decision and blame the parent who was not sufficiently demanding or encouraging.

There is a very fine distinction between doing what is necessary to have your child get to school and succeed there, and doing so much that the child gets a clear message that his schooling is just as much your responsibility as it is his.

Obviously, that line varies from family to family, and even from child to child within the same family. It also depends on the parent's tolerance; someone whose nerves can't bear the morning hassle is more likely to invest the time and energy necessary to do something about it.

In general, there are two rules which any parent will find helpful in changing annoying behaviours of the kind described: first, that it is easier to create a structure to avoid or circumvent the unwanted behaviour than it is to cope with it on a regular basis.

Second, that a little benevolent neglect is a lot more effective than a head-on confrontation. For example: young children (primary grades) should be helped to make clothing choices and to help get school materials ready as part of the bed-time routine. But if your ten year old gets stubborn about taking a sweater, then let him go without one. No ten year old should need to be reminded that he has homework to do. After all, you have a lot on your mind, and you can't be expected to remember his chores as well as your own.

You want him to do well, so you praise him lavishly when he gets good grades or for any success he may achieve, but when he slips, allow him to take the consequences. He will learn from his failures, as well as from his successes.



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SOUFFLE! SOUFFLE!

Treat yourself to the best soufflé you've ever tasted. 17 different soufflés to choose from, mushroom thru camembert to Grand Marnier. Home made soups, pies, quiche, salads, mouthwatering cakes. Kosher. Visa, Diners accepted. Parties catered for LE SOUFFLE, 5 YEDIDIYA (behind Main Post Office) corner 10 Koresch, Sun-Thur 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday till 2 p.m., Saturday after Shabbat. Tel. 02-225551.

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Right in the centre of town, in a tree-shaded stone-flagged garden they serve delightful light meals and snacks. On the menu when I was there they had cold cucumber soup, gazpacho, avocado cocktail, melon with cottage cheese, salads, crêpes, apple strudel, rum chocolate cake, creamy cheese cake, juices, coffee and more. For breakfast you can have fresh bagels and French croissants. The atmosphere is so restful and the staff are there to please. Share my secret. It's THE CAFE OF MASKIT, REHOV HARAV KOOK 12, off Kikar Zion. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. And after eating you can gift shop to your hearts content at Beit Maskit.



The finest dishes selected from all the culinary traditions, lovingly prepared with house variations, and served in a perfect setting. For a taste treat come to ZORBA THE BUDDHA vegetarian restaurant. 9 Yoel Salomon St. Tel. (02) 240184 off Kikar Zion.

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If you're dying for a great charcoal-grilled steak from prime aged beef, or succulent lamb chops, or tasty shishlik from first class young veal then follow the market workers of the Mahane Yehuda shuk to YEMINI'S BAR B QUE. They know what's best. YEMINI'S also have great Shnitzel, Half a Fried Chicken with chips and garnish at only IS 120. Mixed Grill, Real American Hamburgers, all the spaghetti you can eat for only IS 80, and plenty of salads and hors d'oeuvres. If you're a tourist looking for local colour, a student on a tight budget or a native seeking real value for money try YEMINI'S BAR B QUE, 69 AGGRIPAS, behind the Clal Building, Tel. 247210. Open Sun-Thur, 7.30 a.m. till 3 a.m. (that's right), Saturday after Shabbat. Kosher under Rabbinate supervision.

BLINTZES MAKE THE WORLD GO ROUND

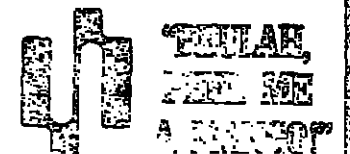
Blintz experts swear by HUNGARIAN BLINTZES, Israel's answer to MacDonalds. Choose from more than thirty different fillings. From spicy and salty to sweet and nutty with home-made jam, raisins and almonds. Blintzes with rum or brandy, with whipped cream or with cheese fillings. Try them, you'll love them. Visiting Jerusalem during Sukkot? Make a bee line for HUNGARIAN BLINTZES, 36 Ben Yehuda (Beit Ha'am end). Open every day from 10 a.m. till midnight, Friday till 3 p.m., Saturday after Shabbat. KOSHER.

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First there's the ambience, cool and green. Then there's the food — tasty dairy with specialties like fine grilled buttered fish, piquant hot cheese plate, traditional bagels with cream cheese and smoked salmon. And of course soups, salads, gorgeous gateaux, blintzes, fruit salads, ices, fruit juices, wines, beers, etc. The chef's plat du jour for the epicure. It's THE GARDEN CAFE, just the right place to rest-a-while, under a shady tree or a starlit night. THE GARDEN CAFE, 1 Washington Street, (opposite King David Hotel), 10.30 a.m. till midnight, Friday till 3 p.m., Saturdays after Shabbat. Kosher. Tel. 02-221786 for evening reservations.

EAT IN THE SUCCA ITALIANO AT MAMMA LEONE

Jerusalem's new Ristorante Italiano MAMMA LEONE is already making its name with first class Pizza, Antipasti, Minestre, Pasta Ripiena, (Ravioli, Gnocchi, Lasagne), and home-made Pasta Asciutta. With excellent desserts and selected wines you'll think you're back in old Napoli. But you're at MAMMA LEONE, 5 Hillel St., (almost opposite EL AL). Competitive prices. Kosher. Open from noon till 3.30 p.m., 6 p.m.-midnight, Fri. till 2 p.m., Sat. evening Tel. 242767.



Israel's yum... luxury fruit comes into its own in the JUDEA LOUNGE at the JERUSALEM HILTON. In the great MANGO FESTIVAL with the delicious fruit prepared to suit every taste. As Hot Mango Strudel, as Mango Savaria (mango cream, fresh cream, milk chocolate and served in a cake), Mango Blintzes, Mango Cheese cake, Mango Sherbet, Mango Surprise (Mangoes, vanilla ice cream, waffles), Mango KM (open fruit tart), Mango cocktail, Mango shake etc. Indulge yourself, invite a friend or bring the family. Every day from 10 a.m. till midnight at the JUDEA LOUNGE, JERUSALEM HILTON. Only IS75, per portion plus VAT.

EVERYONE'S SATISFIED AT THE CITADEL

Tourists, visitors or locals are sure to satisfy their appetite at the CITADEL by the Jaffa Gate, under the Old City walls. There's a delightful veranda coffee shop open from 10 a.m. till midnight, a kosher self service restaurant, lunches from \$5, open from 11.30 a.m. till 3 p.m. serving a wide variety of meats, salads, soups, desserts etc. and there's the CITADEL CHINESE — Peking in Jerusalem — meals from \$9, open from noon till 3 and 6.30 p.m. till 11 p.m., and they're a busy take-away. The CITADEL is open 7 days a week. THE CITADEL by the JAFFA GATE.

YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION— DRIVE WITH CARE

Mizrahi profits up 29.1% at midyear

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — United Mizrahi Bank (UMB) released yesterday its consolidated statement of condition as well as its statement of profit and loss for the six months ending June 30, 1982. The net profit for the period totalled IS222 million, compared with IS82m. for the same period a year ago. This reflected a nominal growth of 170.7 per cent and a real growth of 29 per cent.

The bank's own capital means grew at a nominal rate of 178 per cent — or 35 per cent in real terms — to IS1.7 billion, as compared with IS0.6b. in 1981.

Total deposits grew by 170 per

cent, from IS17.4b. last year to IS46.9 b. in May of this year. UMB raised 15m. on the Euro-dollar market.

The bank's ordinary shares have since the beginning of the calendar year risen by 121 per cent. UMB has also translated its results into dollar terms. Its balance sheet total stood at \$3.75b., compared with \$3.10b. a year ago, a gain of 20.7 per cent. The net profit at June 30, 1982, stood at \$9.2m., compared with \$7.1m., a gain of 30.3 per cent.

UMB is controlled by the World Mizrahi Organization and has shown rapid growth in recent years. It controls Tefahot, Israel's largest mortgage bank.

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Clal Industries, one of Israel's largest investment companies which specializes in industry, has just reported that its net profits for the first half of calendar 1982 totalled IS 456.5 million. This is a nominal gain of 330 per cent over the same period a year ago, when earnings totalled IS 106.0m. The advance came to a real gain of 108 per cent, when taking inflation into account.

Reviewing the results Clal Industries general manager Zvi Zur pointed out that there was a real gain in sales and an acceleration of investments in the various companies which form the group. This was accompanied by continued research and development and the entry into new high-technology

Clal Industries had 108% increase in real profits

areas and the raising of new capital. Zur was referring to the September 15 new financing issue floated by the Electronics Corporation of Israel on the American "over-the-counter" market, which raised a gross of \$8.9m.

Total sales came to IS 5.5 billion, compared with IS 2.5b. a year ago. Despite the fact that European currencies had depreciated in value the \$46 m. export sales which were not significantly lower than a year ago, these results were viewed by management as satisfactory. Most of the group's exports are traditionally generated on the Euro-

pean market. Scitex was the leading exporter of the group, with sales totalling \$18.4m. Kitan contributed \$8 m., while Electra and Urdan had total exports of about \$6.7m.

Kitan was the beneficiary of a \$10m. investment programme aimed at modernizing equipment and introducing new technologies. A total of \$3.5m. was invested in Ma'adanot, a frozen bakery food factory, which is jointly owned by Elite and Sunfrost.

The sum of IS 95 m. was spent on R & D, with electronics the prime beneficiary, although Urdan and Electra benefited as well. The group

was able to point to a 36 per cent real rise in R & D expenditure over the same period last year.

At Electra efforts centered on expansion of activities in various fields of energy. These included the drying of foodstuffs using solar energy, among others. The company began to market its own airconditioning system for home use. It was trademarked Junior and is the product of the company's own in-house research and development.

After the date of the balance sheet Sunfrost submitted a prospectus for the approval of an IS 165m. new financing issue. Elkai, another member of the group, intends to raise IS 50m.

The company's own capital, adjusted for inflation, stood at IS 4.05b. a rise of IS 124m. Most of this increase stems from the adjusted-

for-inflation profit, which totalled IS 119.2m. in the period of the report.

The Clal Industries balance sheet total stood at IS 5.4b. The board of directors has recommended payment of 100 per cent in bonus shares.

LOWEST RATE — Consumer prices in the European Economic Community rose 10.7 per cent for the year ending August 31, the lowest rate in three years, the EEC statistical service reports.

Greece and West Germany, where prices actually dropped in August, led the EEC in achieving its best combined inflation rate since August 1979. The monthly increase in consumer prices in the ten countries was 0.5 per cent.

ISRAEL AMPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK LTD.

Financial Statement as at June 30, 1982

(in IS thousands)

Condensed Balance Sheet

December 31, 1981	June 30, 1982	June 30, 1981
Audited	Unaudited	
1,653,576	2,477,643	1,140,795
11,368	17,850	11,302
23,221	32,449	16,353
5,995	46,599	—
7,276	8,492	6,356
	2,583,033	1,174,806

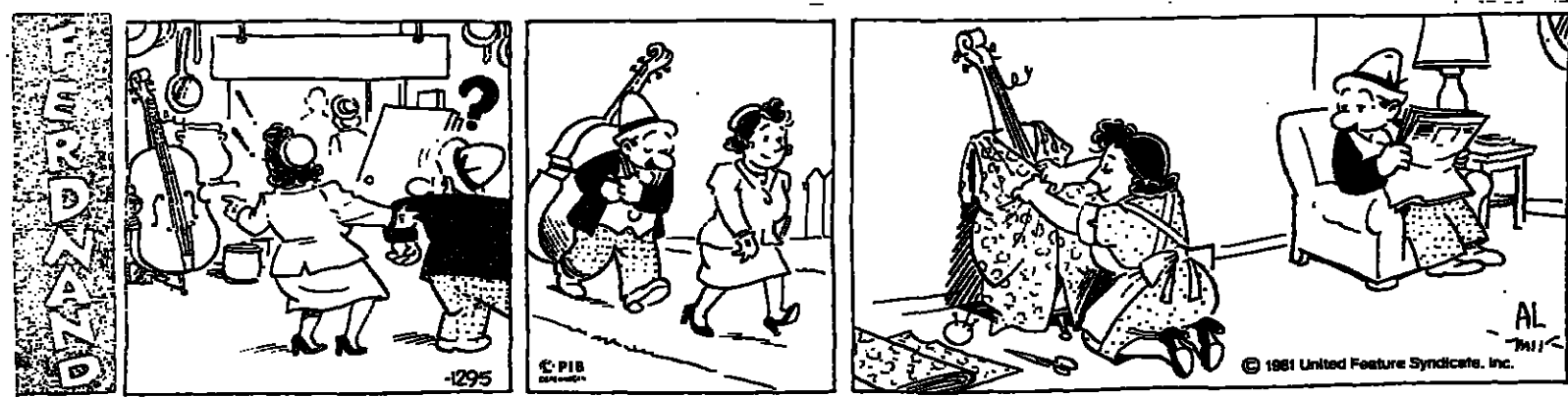
* Reclassified.

December 31, 1981*	June 30, 1982	June 30, 1981
Audited	Unaudited	
45,477	60,227	31,830
6,000	52,800	—
17,519	26,498	12,852
25,205	23,083	25,218
1,587,447	2,363,700	1,094,647
19,788	56,725	10,259
	2,583,033	1,174,806

Condensed Statement of Profit and Loss

(in IS thousands)

	For six months ending June 30, 1982	June 30, 1981
	Unaudited	
Operating Profit before Taxes on Income	37,650	20,603
Provision for Taxes on Income	22,900	11,000
Net Profit	14,750	9,603



WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem Museums: Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; Old Gods and Young Heroes, Pashan Collection of Maya Ceramics; Pottery, Israeli products; Toys and Games of the Ancient World (Rockefeller Museum); Colour (Paley Centre, next to Rockefeller); Touch, children's exhibition; Here and Now; Large Exhibition of Israeli art; James Turrell, Two Spaces; Special Exhibit: Islamic Armour (Rockefeller Museum); Special Exhibit: Gifts to Elisha Dobkin Pavilion for Ancient Glass; Special Exhibit: Throne Legs Cast in Bronze, from Samaria, 6th-4th cent. B.C.E.; Special Exhibit: Igal Tumarkin, Definition of an Olive Tree, environmental assemblage sculpture; Special Exhibit: Torah Ark Curtain, Germany 1725; Special Exhibit: New Shkel Coin and Ancient Jewish Prototype. Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10.5. At 11: Guided tour in English, 3.30. Film, "Peter Pan."

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE
ACROSS
1 He does a divine job with a rod (6)
7 There's no end to it (8)
8 Refreshment useful on washday (4)
10 He's frequently fuming (6)
11 The difficulty capers can get you into (6)
14 It's fresh in fine weather (3)
16 Sent crazily round the bend by music! (5)
17 Chows, perhaps, or chow (4)
19 Teetotaler's vehicle (5)
21 Dad gets through reading it (5)
22 The burning down of the parsonage? (5)
23 Cleans up many operations (4)
26 One may feel the horse has it (5)
28 Loud thudding noise? (3)
29 Is spry, perhaps, if a bit old-womanish (6)
30 The sort of water to make you bleary? (6)
31 One method of getting off (4)
32 Are pieces thus placed always central? (8)
33 Clippers or cutters (6)

DOWN
1 Party accustomed to having the lights put out (6)
2 They have a good centre from which to radiate (6)
3 Back of the right ear (4)
4 It pulls a cart up over a hill (7)
5 Anti-tank hero? (5)
6 Rubber bands (5)
8 Not much to pay for music (4)
9 Water in an old ewer (3)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle

EASY PUZZLE
ACROSS
1 Garland (6)
2 Losing competitor (8)
8 Work hard (4)
10 Citrus fruits (6)
11 Scanty (6)
14 Be in debt (3)
16 Correct (5)
17 Shakes (4)
19 Undress (5)
21 Seat (5)
22 Monster (5)
23 Section (4)
26 Scottish town (5)
28 Joke (3)
29 Is situated (6)
30 Hot and humid (6)
31 Competent (4)
32 Ambitious (8)
33 Proverb (6)

DOWN
1 Tree (6)
2 Lets (6)
3 Squeezes (4)
4 Give up hope (7)
5 Worship (5)
6 Watched amorously (5)
8 Smoke and fog (4)
9 Number (3)
12 Electrical unit (3)
13 Show contempt (5)
15 Smelt foul (5)
18 Grown-up (5)
19 Personal pronoun (3)
20 Free (3)
21 Clinker (7)
22 Fish part (3)
23 Hoisting device (6)
24 Bet (4)
25 Iriksome (6)
26 Attempt (5)
27 Stares stupidly (5)
28 Local (3)
30 Droops (4)

Tuesday's Easy Solution
ACROSS — 1, Slime, 6, Oiled, 9, Useless, 10, Pairs, 11, Plaid, 12, Spare, 13, Invents, 15, Tea, 17, Star, 18, By-pass, 19, Cares, 20, Avidly, 22, Pose, 24, Mud, 25, Scorned, 26, March, 27, Actor, 28, Askew, 29, Replace, 30, Ended, 31, Edges.
DOWN — 2, Learn, 3, Murder, 4, Eat, 5, Claps, 6, Ospreys, 7, Isle, 8, Exiles, 12, Stray, 13, Islam, 14, Valid, 15, Talon, 16, Asked, 18, Beach, 19, Cleared, 21, Vulcan, 22, Prised, 23, Severe, 25, Scalp, 26, More, 28, Ace.

Tuesday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS — 1, E-R-oom, 6, Stash, 9, R-O-mence, 10, Marco, 11, Rainy, 12, Pipe, 13, Mo-Be-re, 15, Ma-L, 17, Enid, 18, Impede, 19, Spots, 20, Athens, 22, Crop, 24, Lot, 25, Ambient, 26, SW-Is-S, 27, Salad, 28, Minor, 29, MoT-or-Ed, 30, (Little) Women, 31, Waist.
DOWN — 2, Reason, 3, One-hid, 4, Moo, 5, Mar-I-e, 6, S-crap-S, 7, Tes-R, 8, Sia-bag, 12, Prop, 13, Meta-L, 14, Light, 15, Met-RE, 16, Le-apt, 18, It-em's, 19, Snowdon, 21, To-ma-t, 22, Ci-cad-a, 23, Onion, 25, 4-Scot, 26, Sa-met, 28, M-EW.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

הסיוע מן האו"ם

Record increase of 119% posted by Union Bank

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Union Bank, the largest commercial bank in the Bank Leumi group, yesterday announced that net profits for the six months ending June 30, 1982, soared to 6 percent of IS 176.3m million from IS 38.4m in the same period the year before. The growth in net profits reflected a nominal rise of 359 per cent and a real gain of 119 per cent, when taking into account the 110 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index over the preceding 12 months.

The net profit per share, fully diluted, came to 146 per cent, compared with 71 per cent a year earlier. Since the beginning of the calendar year the ordinary shares of the bank have enjoyed one of the best performances of all equities in the commercial bank group. They have yielded 124 per cent.

The bank's consolidated assets stood at IS 37.6b, a 103 per cent gain over last year.

Deposits and savings by the public with the bank totalled IS 15.2b, a nominal advance of 145

per cent. Foreign currency continued to occupy a dominant position in the balance sheet.

Union Bank's own capital means totalled IS 653 m, compared with IS 324m a year ago. In the period under review, the bank did not float any new financing issues.

Despite a general curtailment of credit issued to the diamond industry, Union Bank was able to prevent a shrinkage of its balance sheet total. This was due to increases in other sectors of activity.

Besides its regular commercial banking business Union Bank specializes in securities. Its daughter company, Univest, manages four mutual funds, including Moran, Shenav, Tiros, and Galit.

The bank recently expanded its local branches to 26 when it opened an outlet in Rishon LeZion. In a few months the 27th branch will be opened in Ra'anana.

STRIKE. — Workers at the Soltam arms and munitions factory near Haifa have started to "work-to-rule" to press for pay rises.

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New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock prices showed little change yesterday, with trading briefly spurred by the first cut in the prime lending rate since August 20.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, which edged up 1.38 points Monday, was down 1.56 at the close.

Shortly before noon, Bankers Trust, the 10th largest U.S. bank,

reduced its prime lending rate to 13 per cent from the 13.5 level. Within an hour, the Dow Jones average was up more than five points, but the lower prime rate was not matched by other major banks and the blue-chip average retreated.

Conventional mortgage rates fell. Members New York Stock Exchange Stock & Commodity Portfolio Management 100 Wall St., NY, NY Tel. 021-422-5755

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Transport 267.12 —2.03
Utilities 117.03 —0.09
Volume 68,523,593

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Allied Chem. 45% —%
Amer. Brd. 45% —%
Amer. Can. 45% —%
Amer. T. & T. 45% —%
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Chrysler 45% —%
Du Pont 45% —%
East Kodak 45% —%
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Gen. Elect. 45% —%
Gen. Food 45% —%
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66 shares down more than 5 per cent

reminders by the banks that many shares sport prices which bear little resemblance to any economic reality, are adding an element of nervousness.

Commercial bank shares continued to enjoy prosperous conditions. Hapoalim, for one, scored a one per cent gain. United Mizrahi and Union Bank securities did not trade in the wake of the announcement of semi-annual results. Both reports make satisfactory reading and prices should react accordingly when trading resumes today.

Index-linked bonds were fairly

stable, with little change in prices. Trading edged above the IS144m level.

The shekel was devalued by the relatively moderate margin of 7 agorot.

Among mortgage banks Independence was a 10% winner, while the bank's rights were nearly

20% above their calculated base price.

Insurance securities trended lower. Phoenix 0.1 led the way downward with a 10% loss.

The Dan Heli shares were down by 10% in a generally lower services sector. Nibuk Computers was "sell-off only," but Cold Storage 0.1 was up by 10%. Israel Electric sparked as it zipped ahead by nearly 18%.

Caesarea 0.1 and HLB Real Estate were clipped for 6.6% losses among land development and real estate securities. Israelom drifted 8.2% lower.

Industrials participated in the overall downward move. Atlantic was nearly 10% down, while Elco 0.25(R) fell by a full 10%. The fertilizer shares were also 10% losers, as was the case with Yizhar options, Arad, Poligat 0.1, Schoellerina options, Tagal and its option and Lachish option.

There was plenty of action among investment company stocks.

Export investments saw its registered shares zoom by a full 57.6%. The Export bearer shares were 41.3% improved, while the registered shares were "buyers only." Rounding out the major winners were the IS 1.0 premier Israel Corporation shares, which were nearly 9% higher.

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Inquiry is half the matter

HAVING fought vainly to fend off a judicial commission of inquiry, the government is now seeking to turn its defeat into victory, or at least into respite. No sooner had the cabinet's decision been announced, than ministers and officials were urging an end to the political crisis "so that the commission can get on with its work in relative quiet."

There could hardly be a more gross distortion of the role and purpose of a commission of inquiry.

The distortion is between two entirely distinct concepts: direct blame and ministerial responsibility. The task of a commission of inquiry is to establish direct blame, or lack of blame, on the part of persons involved in the episode under investigation.

A commission does not, cannot, determine ministerial responsibility: that is not a judicial concept but a political concept. It is determined in the minds of politicians, or, if they fail to do what is incumbent upon them, then in the court of public opinion.

In another country, or in an Israel with another minister of defence, that minister would have resigned without question the moment the Beirut massacre occurred. He would have done so regardless of his share, if any, in the direct blame for the disaster. Indeed, the prime minister himself, in a properly functioning parliamentary democracy, would have accepted prime ministerial responsibility for that specific disaster, and for the collapse of his entire policy, and resigned.

Such resignations would by no means obviate the need for a commission of inquiry, to investigate, to draw conclusions, to apportion direct blame among officers, officials and — if the commission so finds — among ministers.

Nor does the appointment of the commission yesterday mean that it is now less incumbent upon Messrs. Sharon and Begin to do now what they ought to have done before: accept their ministerial responsibility and go.

By the same token, the appointment of the commission need not — indeed must not — mute the public debate and the public demand that these men shoulder their ministerial responsibility.

This same point was made, in similar circumstances, by the late Herut leader Haim Landau. When the Agranat Commission was set up, a month after the Yom Kippur War (the pressure was then led by Menachem Begin), Landau rightly declared that the public debate must go on — for it is the essence of the democratic process. In the event, the then-attorney-general laid down a set of limited restrictions upon the public debate, ruling that articles or broadcasts deliberately designed to influence the commission members were tantamount to contempt of the commission and therefore forbidden.

And so the debate raged on. And, when the Agranat Commission published its interim report, attributing direct blame to the chief of staff and other officers but clearing then-defence minister Moshe Dayan of direct blame, Mr. Begin, rightly, reiterated his persistent demand that the prime minister and defence minister accept ministerial responsibility and resign.

In fact the Agranat Commission itself, as one of its members, Yigael Yadin, recalled yesterday, stressed in its report the distinction between direct blame — which it determined — and ministerial responsibility — which it in effect invited the nation as a whole to determine through the political process.

And the nation did so. Led by the same media figures whom Mr. Begin today reviles, the nation agreed with Mr. Begin that Dayan must go, must accept ministerial responsibility notwithstanding the Labour Party's unanimous insistence that he stay.

Though the calamity of 1973 and the tragedy of 1982 are not comparable, the crisis of confidence surrounding Minister of Defence Sharon today is no less profound than that which surrounded Mr. Dayan then.

Then Dayan was compelled to resign and Golda Meir stepped down as well. The same thing should happen today.

A LESSON FROM THE MASSACRE

By NAOMI SHEPHERD

NATIONAL policy cannot be constructed on moral indignation alone. Few people in Israel today believe that Israel's present political strategy is in any way linked with the fact that the country's political leaders and its army turned a blind eye to the dangers of Phalangist action in the Sabra and Shatilla camps. Those who support the opposition today because they are shocked by the bloated and blackened bodies of the refugees in the Beirut camps will tomorrow reject the idea of giving up large areas of the West Bank to a Palestinian entity federated with Jordan, on grounds of *realpolitik*.

Moral indignation is comforting, and a judicial inquiry may help soothe Israel's collective conscience. Neither the reaction nor the inquiry will suffice to ensure that Israel's involvement in events which revolve its moral sense will not recur if Israel continues to reject all compromise over the territories inhabited mainly by the Palestinians.

The precipitate and disastrous decision to enter West Beirut, and to send the Phalangist forces into the camps, is explicable only as part of an attempt to bolster Israel's waning power following the murder of Bashir Jemayel. The lives of the civilians in the camps were expendable in the pursuit of that aim.

Ariel Sharon's arguments in the Knesset sounded empty to Israel's intellectuals, but will not be set aside by all Israelis. Not one opposition leader directly challenged his arguments that the remaining terrorists in the camps threatened to rebuild the PLO power base and that in sending the Phalangists, he wished to spare the lives of Israeli soldiers.

Some Labour leaders had argued that the Phalangists were not doing their part to support their Israeli allies, as commentators had noted; the alliance with the Phalangists was tacitly accepted as essential, despite their notorious brutality. Moreover, Sharon's argument about saving

Israeli lives had already been evoked to defend the bombings of civilians in a country with which Israel was not actually at war, and was only opposed during the last two days, when its horror was patent to all.

Until it is clear to the majority of the Israeli electorate that Likud policy is predicated on the absolute subjugation of their moral sense, that the argument of *realpolitik* is false, and that the unity and survival of the state depends on compromise over the West Bank and Gaza — until then no challenge to Begin's and Sharon's policy will rally mass support. Even if "guilty men" are found this time, the overall strategy will continue as before, and the massacre in Sabra and Shatilla be seen in retrospect as an unfortunate accident, and not the by-product of a destructive and immoral policy.

POLITICIANS and intellectuals have warned that the annexation of the West Bank and Gaza means the end of Israeli democracy; binationalism, the disappearance of the Jewish character of the state or permanent Jewish rule over an Arab minority without political rights. According to Mervin Benvenisti's research reported in these pages some days ago, changes carried out by the Likud government have already made this development inevitable without *de jure* annexation unless the present trend is reversed.

How far does the general public understand these issues? What do they mean to the Israeli voter, and how much will they effect his daily life? To what extent have the political and intellectual leaders who now are castigating Begin made their message intelligible and convincing to the electorate?

No great political sophistication is necessary to understand the day-to-day dangers of living in a state where a large minority is radically opposed to the policy of what they regard as alien rule. Israeli policy at present is to segregate the Arab

population in the West Bank so that not only will it be constitutionally distinct from its Jewish neighbours, but one urban Arab centre will be cut off from the next. Hence it may be possible for Israel to render the Arab minority powerless to offer armed resistance.

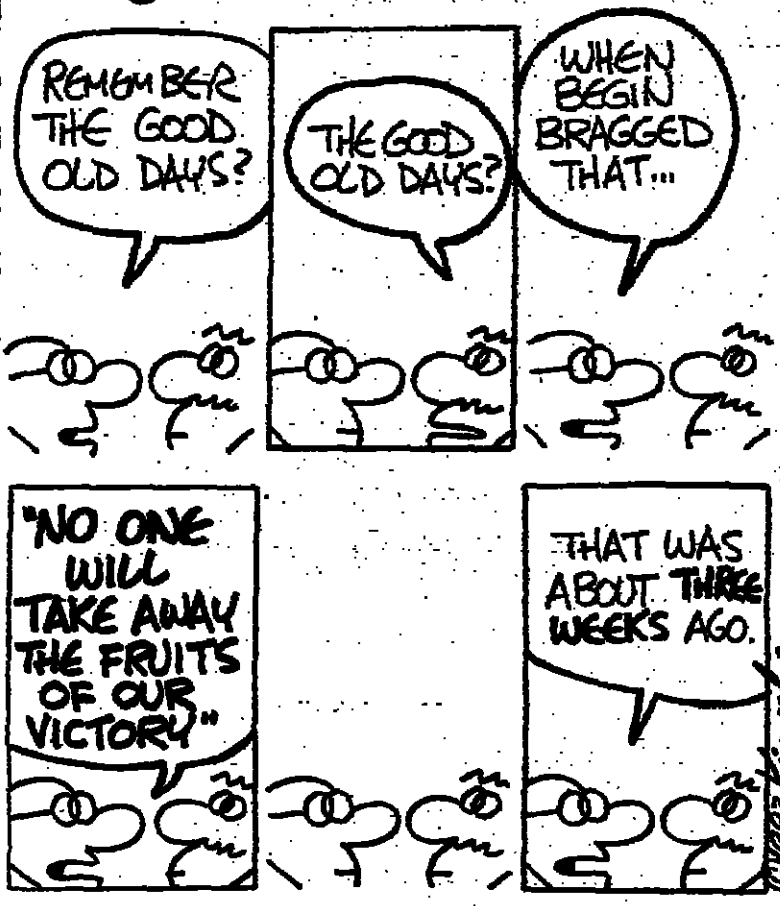
Israel would still remain vulnerable to the withdrawal of Arab labour, but this might be overcome by the long overdue modernization of building techniques and increased automation in agriculture. But how, then, will Israel maintain the level of economic prosperity in the occupied territories, which is at least one of the reasons for the absence of Arab militancy so far?

IT IS IMPLICIT in Likud policy that a large Arab population will sit quietly under Israeli domination. This is based on a series of assumptions: that Israeli Arabs and West Bank Arabs will remain permanently divided; that a pro-Israeli "moderate" leadership in the West Bank can be cultivated (a programme already beginning to come apart at the seams); that the process of emigration from the main Arab centres in the West Bank will be accelerated — and so on. Other developments meanwhile become visible; among them, the lesson of Eilat, where the Arab migrant labourers are considered a necessary evil.

That open hostility and repression on a scale unknown to date will emerge cannot be ruled out. Who will then decide on the measures required to restore law and order and save Israeli lives, and what price will be paid?

It seems to me that no Israeli leader has addressed himself seriously to these problems. The arguments debated in front of the electorate concern the historical, military and economic arguments for and against the establishment of an autonomous Palestinian entity in the West Bank and Gaza in con-

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federation with Jordan, the basis for an alternative strategy to that of the Likud.

The Likud bases its historical claims alternatively on biblical precedent and the British partition of Ottoman Palestine in 1922. Its leaders would do better to study population ratios then and now. If Israel could eliminate the Syrian missiles in Lebanon, could she not cope with any military threat from a demilitarized West Bank? If the emergence of an economically viable Jewish state depended largely on support from outside, would not the same be true today for the Palestinians — of whose plight both the Arab and the outside world is patently weary?

PROLONGED Israeli domination over the West Bank and Gaza is not just a threat to the "Jewish character" of the state. Nor is it simply the victory of Revisionism over Labour Zionism. The denial of political rights to a large minority, together with a constant fear of rebellion by the minority, could lead to excesses of repression. The massacre of the Palestinians

in an area under Israel's authority was possible in my view, because for the Israeli government, all Palestinians in Lebanon had lost their human identity. The Palestinian civilian refugee casualties in the camps earlier in the war were not included in Israeli tallies; on the other hand, Israeli estimates of the numbers of "Palestinian terrorists" included men and boys undoubtedly recruited under duress, in what Israeli spokesmen have termed an internal rule of terror. The distinction between the PLO organization and the Palestinians — on which Israel had always insisted — evaporated. All became a "threat to Israel's existence."

Would not a large minority in Israel itself be an even greater threat? And should not the depersonalization of the Palestinians, increased by their segregation from the mass of individually humane Israelis, and vulnerable and powerless under Israeli rule, sound a terrible and familiar warning in Jewish ears?

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Extracting the poison

By AVRAHAM AVI-HAI

to investigate so cardinal a matter, and that the ministerial committee had exceeded its powers. He demanded a "state" or judicial commission. On this issue, a battle ensued between Ben-Gurion and the Mapai (Labour) establishment. Ben-Gurion resigned over this issue, and because of his sons' hatred for him and his successor Eshkol became poisoned. The establishment split.

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TOWARDS the end of the Yom Kippur War, while this country was still in shock, an article of mine was published in the Hebrew press, under the title "Appoint an Inquiry Commission!" It was among the first published calls for such an inquiry, but my point is not to claim a copyright on such a painful matter, one so critical for us all, but to speak of the reasons for writing that article.

There was the obvious one, of course, the awful blunder, error, failure — what was termed the *mehdal*. That failure, and its aftermath, are deeply graven into our psyches, individual and national. For me, there was another factor involved in the need to demand an inquiry.

In the early days of Levi Eshkol's tenure as prime minister (and minister of defence), Ben-Gurion applied to him to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the original Lavon affair. The reference is to the serious intelligence failure in the early fifties in Egypt, resulting in death and prison for Israeli agents, and damage to this country's external relations. The debate that surfaced in the early Sixties and spread over four years or so is known as the second Lavon affair.

Pinhas Lavon claimed that during his brief term as minister of defence in 1954, he had not been responsible for the Egyptian operation. He demanded that his name be cleared, and in part he was rehabilitated by a ministerial (cabinet) committee in 1961.

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READERS' LETTERS

FACING OUR RESPONSIBILITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Having conquered large parts of Lebanon, we have been faced with a moral responsibility to protect the innocent, and we have failed to live up to it. The fact that a series of atrocities has been allowed to happen, whoever the direct perpetrators may be, makes us responsible. The fact that, apparently, Israeli troops did not enter the refugee camps and kill Palestinian refugee families in no way mitigates the heavy responsibility the Israeli military and civilian authorities must bear for the events there in the past few days. There is no way the perpetrators could have done what they did without the prior knowledge of the Israel defence authorities. And if for any reason we did not have prior knowledge, we certainly had sufficient

efficient suspicions to have prevented the perpetrators from entering the camps.

I can think of no extenuating circumstances that can mitigate the heavy burden of responsibility we all share for this unspeakable atrocity.

It is therefore essential at this time that Prime Minister Begin denounce the action, ask for the resignation of Defence Minister Sharon and General Rafael Eitan and establish a committee of inquiry into events which have placed all of Israeli society in moral jeopardy. Nothing short of this can begin to help the Israeli public face the full responsibility of this dreadful event and take the steps necessary to ensure that it can never happen again.

Haifa.

GENOCIDE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In reference to my book on Genocide (Readers' Letters — July 29), Mr. Joshua Jacobson of Herzliya refers to the deliberate extermination campaign waged by the German Government against the Herero people in German South West Africa in 1904. He then comments, that "it is surprising that Mr. Kuper, with his South African

background, should have missed this certain-raiser to the horrors of our time."

What is even more surprising is that I do in fact mention this genocide, and it is carefully indexed under "Germany, German" and in a later entry, under "Herero."

Los Angeles.

LEO KUPER

INDELIBLE STAIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We are an Israeli family living in South Africa. We have followed with horror and repugnance the mounting toll of civilian casualties in the war in Lebanon. Now, across our television screens flash scenes of the Shatilla massacre: bodies piled in heaps, unmistakably reminiscent of photographs of concentration camp atrocities. And the question demands an answer: was this barbarian act committed due to Israeli criminal negligence? Or, unthinkable, with Israeli complicity? It is inconceivable that the Christian militia who allegedly committed the crimes could have entered the camp without the knowledge of the Israeli forces stationed in the area.

How do we explain all this to our children, to whom Israel has always been represented as a home of humanitarian values?

Jews all over the world must join me in demanding:

A) The immediate resignation of the government.
B) The establishment of a high-level commission of inquiry to investigate fully Israeli responsibility in this shameful incident. Those guilty must be exposed and made to pay for this indelible stain on our nation's history. JOHN M. SIMON Cape Town, South Africa

MARVELLOUS FOR MORALE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I write from down under in Perth, Western Australia, to express my gratitude for having had the opportunity recently of hearing your war correspondent, Hersh Goodman, speak about the war in Lebanon.

Would that the whole world had heard what he had to say, said with such obvious sincerity and with seasoned argument and back-up statistics. He answered all but one of our questions and confusions, replenishing our ammunition for the constant questions we are asked by

our non-Jewish neighbours, whose only source of information is a biased and shallow media.

The one, as yet unanswered question? Why did the bombing of Beirut continue for hours after the PLO capitulation?

Again, thanks for letting us hear Hersh. He did wonders for the morale of our small, but very concerned community.

BILL COHEN

Perth, Australia.

(The above letter was written before the Beirut massacre. — Ed. J.P.)

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